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Our annual holiday gift guide offers some helpful Christmas hints.

Special Section, Inside



In case you need some last-minute tips, our local elementary students have some recipes.

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Telephone book recycling plan

The students of Pass Christian Elementary are recycling old telephone books. Books may be dropped off at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce off Hwy 90 at the harbor.

Messiah Chorus plans concert

The Messiah Chorus will sing at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian on Thursday, Nov. 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The performance includes 70 voices with orchestra.

Welcome Center Christmas gala

The Hancock County Welcome Center at 110 and Hwy. 90 will celebrate its Christmas Open House on Friday, Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Entertainment will include Bay Waveland Head Start, 10:30 a.m.; third grade class of North Bay Elem., 11 a.m.; Diamondhead Line Dancers, 11:30 a.m.; Hancock County Sr. Citizens choir; noon. Santa Claus will be there throughout the event.

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Hancock County Chief Investigator Bob Lambert holds two sawed-off shotguns, along with other rifles and shotguns on his desk, which were confiscated in a raid on a methamphetamine lab in the county last week.

Meth lab, arsenal found at Standard

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department discovered a mobile methamphetamine lab and gun arsenal in the county on the evening of Nov. 14 according to Sheriff Steve

Garber.

Hancock Investigator Branden Ladner received a tip on the possible location of a meth lab at 24071 Road 34, Standard community.

"There was a black pickup truck with a camper parked in front of a house on the location, and in the truck was anhydrous ammonia along with other precursors," Chief Investigator Bob Lambert reports.

Ladner summoned the DEA, ATF

and Hancock County Narcotics Task Force and had a search warrant secured from Justice Court Judge Tommy Carver.

A search of the property also revealed two sawed-off shotguns, two 12-gauge pump guns, a 22-caliber rifle with serial number removed, .308 hunting rifle, and a Russian rifle, Lambert said.

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Supers authorize airport property buyout

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The buzz is something big is coming into Hancock County's Stennis International Airport.

The Port and Harbor Commission, which oversees management of the airport and the Port Bienville Industrial Park,

has been positioning itself for years to improve the airport and expand its tenant base.

In the last three years, the Federal Aviation Administration has poured more than \$6.5 million into improvements in lighting, taxiways, runways, and instrumentation at

Stennis, which now boasts jets, cargo planes, as well as business aircraft and private planes.

A year and a half ago, the Commission hired a firm to begin drawing up a marketing plan aimed at attracting cargo carriers to Stennis but last August,

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Arson not ruled out in pier fire

Early-morning exercisers discovered, fought blaze

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Through the efforts of Bay St. Louis' early risers, for the second Monday in a row, fires were quelled before causing much more serious damages.

On Monday, early exerciser Martha Van Peski (during a heavy fog) walked out on the Jimmy Rutherford Pier and saw that it was on fire at the end. She quickly headed for shore and met exercisers Pat Cuculli and Mike and Sue Caroon, who were on their way near the end of the pier, and inquired if they had a cell phone, which they did not have. Cuculli said they could not see Van Peski until she was almost on them because of the fog.

Van Peski told them about the fire and rushed to the Hotel Reed Nursing Home to summon the fire department.

The trio of Cuculli, Mike and Sue Caroon continued to the end of the pier and were able to find a plastic cup in a trash barrel.

Mike Caroon went down the steps at the end of the pier and straddled support beams, and according to Cuculli, stretched one arm down, scooped water with the cup while he held on with the other, passing it to her and his wife who kept putting it on the fire.

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Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas
Bay St. Louis Public Works Director Ron Venney checks out the damage Monday after a fire at the Jimmy Rutherford Pier.

Workin' up a sweat



Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shallbetter
Physical Education teacher Donna Trotter leads Waveland Elementary School students in warm-up exercises on Tuesday to ready them for their "walk for diabetes." Individual classes participated in the walk sponsored by the American Diabetes Association to raise awareness of the disease.

Bay St. Louis Police Department to be honored for youth safety activities

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil will represent the city of Bay St. Louis and his department at the annual Police Appreciation Banquet in Jackson, Dec. 11.

The department will be recognized for its 2001 accomplishments, in particular the receipt of the statewide Public Safety Award from the Mississippi Municipal League for its partnership with the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District and the School Safety Plan manual produced by the partnership.

"This was great news to give our recuperating Mayor. He was very pleased to have the accomplishments of the department recognized by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Student Advisory Board," said Chief McNeil.

The school safety plan grew from meetings with crisis management professionals and law enforcement officers who assisted in Columbine and round-table group discussions that

addressed the special physical needs of each public school campus.

"This district has the best liaison between the school district and law enforcement we've seen yet," said Bill Laird, Mississippi Department of Education Safe Schools director at a March 2001 meeting with B-W trustees and community leaders.

Laird went on to say that the district operates far ahead of the rest of the state as far as safety. The plan was to be used as the model for other Mississippi systems to use in developing their district safety plans.

"Bay St. Louis has a reputation for building and maintaining strong partnerships to accomplish its objectives. This cooperation is essential to a small community with limited resources."

"We are really happy to have this cooperation recognized by one of our state funding agencies," said McNeil.

The department received the

2000 Mississippi Municipal League Public Safety Award for its house acquisition plan. The fire safety house was custom designed to meet the needs of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department.

In addition to being able to simulate smoke conditions in a living room, kitchen, stairway and bedroom the fire prevention team also has use of a large screen television and video on the exterior wall for presenting safety films on other aspects of fire safety.

"Our mission is to have a public well-trained in fire prevention and safety matters. Children are our greatest resource in teaching parents the importance of having a home evacuation emergency plan and the fire safety house is our greatest teaching tool," said Chief Robert Gavagnie.

"We are profoundly grateful to the Allstate Foundation and our local agent James Smith, for their generosity to the city of Bay St. Louis and Hancock County."

Bay Fire Department delivers baby

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

"For privacy reasons we can't divulge the name of the mother, but firefighters Brian Ladner and Stanley Necaise helped to deliver a wonderful baby girl at 6:48 p.m., Nov. 19," announced Bay Fire Chief Robert Gavagnie.

The department at 6:45 p.m. received the emergency call, and firefighters arrived on the scene two minutes later finding a young woman delivering her child.

"The baby's head was crowned, and in the next minute we helped her deliver a beautiful

baby girl," said Ladner.

"Everything happened within a matter of seconds, not minutes. We were back at the station by 7:03 p.m., and mother and daughter were taken to Hancock Medical Center when AMR arrived."

This was a welcome diversion for firefighters who just a week earlier had the more dismal duty of responding to calls with sad endings and the downtown fire at Magnolia Mall.

"The public is learning how versatile a firefighter's skills have to be to answer the emergency needs in a small commu-

nity," said the Chief.

"It was great to share such good news with our Mayor while he's recuperating from his recent surgery."

Ladner and Necaise have been with the Bay Fire Department for two years. "Brian is one of our better cooks. We're glad he hadn't started cooking - his first ingredient after water is crab boil," Gavagnie said.

"That new little girl could have had red hair."

All reports to the department are that the mother and daughter are doing well.

Bay Fire Department Fire Safety House celebrates second birthday

Dec. 21 will be the second birthday of the Bay St. Louis Fire Department Fire Safety House, a gift from the Allstate Insurance Foundation.

"There were times when the house seemed more like Mother Hubbard's shoe with kids crawling through, climbing the rope ladder, and generally keeping our prevention education team on its toes," said Assistant Fire Chief Gary Maurice. Fire Prevention and Life Safety officer for the Bay Fire Department.

The department targets pre-K through third grade students to go through the house, using every opportunity to teach safe evacuation from home or school, for their summer reading pro-

grams.

The house traveled to the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, and the NASA Learning Center at Stennis Space Center. Civic and service organizations have hosted the house for special events.

Two of the most popular public events where the house shines are the city's Public Safety Day and Hancock Medical Center Health Fair.

Bay St. Louis public, private and nursery schools have the fire safety house visit annually and all four branches of the Hancock County Library System have hosted the house for their summer reading pro-

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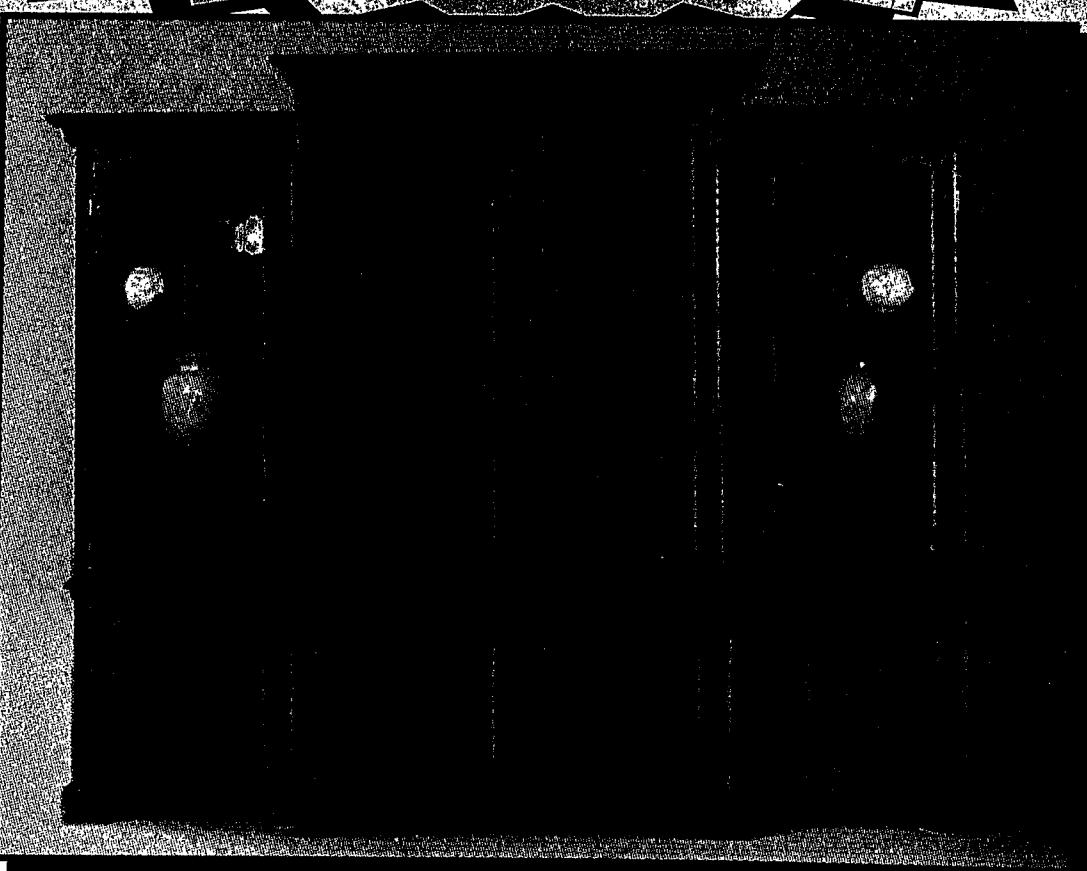
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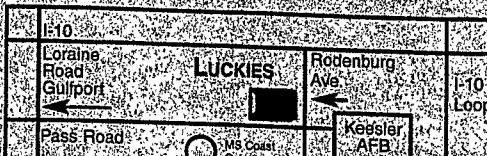
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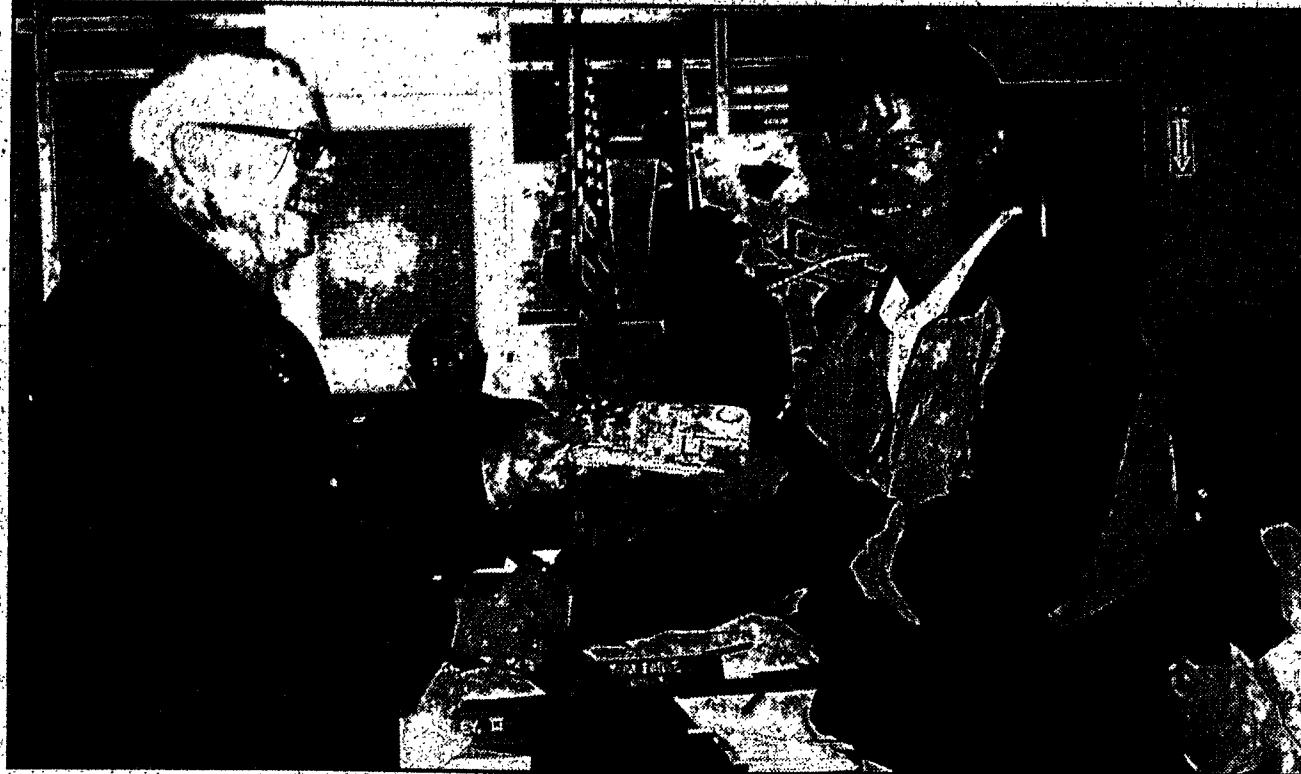
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Thanksgiving dinner today

There will be a free Thanksgiving dinner today at the American Legion hall off Hwy. 90 and Green Meadows Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. Open to large and small families, singles.

**'Thankful' gala planned Friday**

EarthEvents will present a gathering of artists and musicians this Friday in a "Thankful Celebration." The event takes place beginning at sundown on the beach in front of Da Beach House, 604 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis. The event is free and open to all.



National Guardsman Sgt. Carley Davis presented a plaque of appreciation to the city of Bay St. Louis for its support of the armory on Longfellow road. The city of Waveland also supports the armory, which receives no federal funding.

Bay man offended by neighbor's gardenBY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Butterflies and flowers were the subject of a debate at Tuesday night's Bay St. Louis City Council meeting.

Robert Ketchum expressed his objections to next door neighbor Sybil Ramsey's idea of landscaping, saying that the yard violated city codes.

Ramsey and other neighbors were present to defend the Ramsey's garden, saying that it had taken years of perseverance to achieve the patchwork of native plants and flowers in the yard. Ramsey said that the yard was designed to attract an array of wildlife, including birds and butterflies.

Neighbor Jerry Dixon said he considered the yard to be "Gods work." "The yard is so beautiful," said Dixon. "I can't imagine anyone being so insensitive that they would say this is a problem." Dixon presented the council with a vase of flowers picked from Ramsey's yard.

Mr. Dixon sounded like he was putting ten pounds of horse manure into a five-pound sack, said Ketchum. "The yard is a mass of confusion with no artistic value; an eyesore... I asked Ms. Ramsey to remove her wastaria from my trees and she said she was busy at the time, so I had to do it myself, but I'm getting to old to do this."

Ketchum said that the yard was a haven for rats and

insects.

Ramsey said she was trying to landscape the yard with native plants and was in the process of preparing for winter.

She said she was interested in returning the property to a more natural state, which would attract birds and wildlife.

The council voted unanimously to allow Ramsey to continue her plans by passing a motion declaring the yard not to be in violation of any city codes.

"This is one of the harder things we deal with here," said Councilman Doug Seal. "It is a fine line sometime when it comes to property cleanup and telling people what they can and cannot do with their personal property."

In other business:

Sgt. Carley Davis presented a plaque of appreciation to the city for its help in supporting the National Guard Armory on Longfellow Rd. Council voted unanimously to continue their support.

Ellis Cuevas presented city employee Jimmy Loiacano with a certificate of appreciation and a piece of ceramic art for his work in city beautification.

Steve Landry was appointed as a temporary replacement in the Bay Waveland School Board, to fill the vacancy left when Dr. Irene Koskan stepped down. A special election will be held in March to find a permanent replacement.

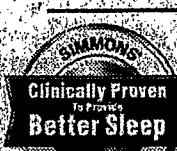
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OPINION

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Wilmer Seymour: His life, legacy were anything but 'Wimpy'

Wednesday a week ago, Wilmer 'Wimpy' Seymour was laid to rest in Bay St. Louis, his adopted city.

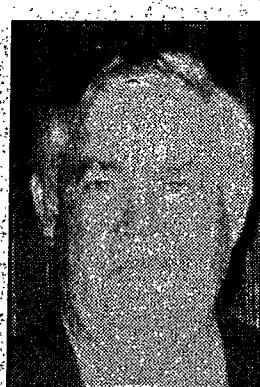
It is going to be a very long time before any person will draw so many to bid farewell at a visitation and funeral service in Bay St. Louis. Old friends and new friends came from here, there and many miles away.

A native of Ocean Springs, Seymour came to Bay St. Louis, and it remained his home, first as a basketball coach and then athletic director for many of his 33 years at Bay High. In addition, Bay St. Louis became his final resting place.

'Coach,' as he was called by the hundreds of students he taught, was a role model of role models for the youth of the Bay-Waveland area.

He had that special talent to be able to reach out to youth, of which many are the community leaders of today.

As a Bay St. Louis councilman for eight



Wilmer 'Wimpy' Seymour

years, and a Hancock County supervisor for another eight years, Seymour was always available to his constituents.

He was a man who placed God, family and country as top priorities in his life.

A Korean Conflict veteran, who continued to serve his country and state and retired as a National Guardsman, he helped preserve the freedoms we have enjoyed as Americans.

His favorite use of a name for a person was 'rooster.'

For sure, Coach will be missed by many, and at the same time be remembered for what he stood for and his many positive influences on the youth, our city and county.

To his wife, Mary Francis Seymour; sons, Steve Seymour and Wilmer Seymour, Jr.; daughter, Gina Seymour Powell; daughters-in-law, Beth Seymour and Jenny Seymour; grandchildren, relatives and so many friends, Wilmer 'Wimpy' Seymour left a mark on this community which will long be remembered.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Remember our children this holiday season

I wonder how many of you arose before dawn Sunday morning to view the shooting stars from the Leonid meteor shower.

The sky here was very clear, but I did not see as many as I have read about from other areas.

The Leonid shower occurs each November as the Earth's orbit takes it through the trail of particles shed by the comet.

Since astronomers expect the next major shower to be in the year of 2099, I felt that in all probability I will not be around on this earth, and it was worth the extra effort to view the shooting stars Sunday morning.

It's that time of the year when the Bay St. Louis Fire Department really becomes involved with the Hancock County Doll & Toy Fund.

This has been one of the Bay Fire Department's major com-



Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

munity involvements going back way over 20 years. I can recall when the program began with firefighters collecting old bicycles and repairing and painting them for deserving children in Bay St. Louis.

For many years until his retirement, Bay Fire Chief Andrew Lizana was the coordinator, and today the program continues to grow from a few Bay St. Louis kids receiving gifts at Christmas to a county-wide endeavor.

Bay Assistant Fire Chief Gary Maurice in recent years

has been the coordinator and does a fantastic job seeing that every deserving child receives something from Santa.

Santa's helpers right now are in need of help in securing new toys and/or donations.

There are several merchants who over the years have been very gracious in giving special discount prices to the fire department.

The Hancock County Doll &

Toy Fund was first an agency of the United Way of Hancock County and now is an agency of the United Way of South

Mississippi.

In addition, support is received from individuals, businesses, civic and social groups in toy drives and donations of cash.

The Bay Fire Department through December 7, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, 310 Spanish Trail, will be taking registrations for deserving youngsters.

Registration is monitored, and applicants need to supply the following information: child's birth certificate and social security number; proof of Hancock County residency by current utility bill, license tag, receipt in name of parent or guardian name, age, sex of child; and name, address, telephone number of child's parent or guardian.

For further information, call the Bay Fire Department at 467-4736. Happy Thanksgiving.

SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR



Letters to the Editor

— TECHNICALITIES —

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant

COUNTIES

Q May a board of supervisors pay all costs associated with establishing a Notary Public in a county office or facility?

A Yes. A board of supervisors may pay the expense necessary to qualify a county employee as a Notary Public.

However, there is no authority for a county employee who has qualified as a Notary Public to benefit directly from any fee that may be collected for such service, rather any such fee must be deposited to the credit of the county.

(Attorney General's opinion to Palmer dated May 25 2001)

MUNICIPALITIES

Q When does a municipality send renewal notices for local privilege license taxes?

A Before the first day of the month prior to expiration. (\$27 17-465)

Q Is a municipality entitled to 1/2 of the road maintenance ad valorem taxes collected with

in the municipal limits?

A Yes, unless the county and municipality enter into a contract for the county to maintain the municipal streets. (§ 65-15-21)

Q May a county maintain municipal streets in addition to paying the 1/2 road maintenance ad valorem taxes under Section 65-15-21?

A Yes. (§ 65-7-85)

Q Is a "relocatable classroom unit" defined as equipment or construction according to Section 31-7-13?

A Equipment. Consequently, a vendor of relocatable classroom units is not required to comply with Section 31-5-51, which requires a performance bond, or Section 31-3-21, which requires a certificate of responsibility.

However, if a school district desires additional protection, it can include such terms as it deems necessary in its contract with the vendor. (Attorney General's opinion to Thompson dated July 27, 2001)

The art of giving

BY TERRY LATHAM
Director, Hope Haven
Children's Shelter

I saw a humorous sign in a church magazine the other day. (Well I thought it was humorous.) It concerned Christmas and the three wise men. It read: If it had been three wise women they would have stopped to ask directions. Arrived on time. Helped birth the baby. Cleaned the manger. Cooked a casserole. Brought useful gifts.

As the Christmas season approaches, I would like to offer some respectful suggestions on the last line of that sign.

Hope Haven is one of many locally run and locally funded charities that will be helping the less fortunate this year.

Before joining Hope Haven, I always gave to local organizations as I just felt more comfortable with donating to where I knew the people involved and could see where my contribution went.

If you feel the same way, here are a few suggestions to help you help us this Christmas and a few tips on things to be mindful about when considering what you would like to give.

Hope Haven will "host" around 8 to 10 children over the Christmas period. We do not know for sure which children will be with us so it is very difficult to do a "wish list" for a particular child.

Gifts we welcome include:

Gift certificates to local stores such as Kmart, Revo, Wal-Mart, Fred's, Hudson's, etc. that allow us to shop for the kids we have. Gift certificates to the local movie theater, McDonald's, Burger King and other similar treats and special restaurant chains and certificates to local food stores so we can provide items over the holidays.

Unwrapped new clothing in adult and children's sizes,

including, nightgowns, P.J.s, socks, underwear, sweats and t-shirts.

Electronic items such as CD/tape players, small radios, and hand-held games are well received. Diaries, small boxes for jewelry or personal items and age-appropriate jewelry and watches are most welcome. Checks are always a welcome sight!

As the year closes, you may also consider donating tangible items such as used cars, boats, property, etc. as these gifts may be a way to reduce your tax obligations.

Gifts that are not so useful include: Stuffed animals, (have to limit them due to size problems). Used clothing ... we have limited storage space, please donate your clothing to Goodwill in our name, as we receive credit for items donated.

Canned/non-perishable food ... please donate food items to the Food Pantry! Bikes, scooters, roller skates, skate boards ... we can't allow children to have these types of toys due to safety issues. Please donate those types of items to the Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund.

Items that have many small parts or require a large area to set them up, such as car race tracks or train sets. Again, please consider supporting the local Doll and Toy Fund.

Christmas is when we receive most of the toy donations, but I would like to point out that we provide between 600 and 800 toys to children throughout the year because they have their birthdays with us and because sometimes kids just need a toy!

As always, on behalf of the children we serve, we thank you all and pray that everyone of you will enjoy good health and harmony this Christmas season.



Hancock High Student Council donates food

The Hancock High School Student Council recently participated in a food drive sponsored by the Hancock County Exchange Club by donating 200 non-perishable food items. The Exchange Club will deliver all collected goods to the Hancock County Food Pantry to help provide supplies during this vital time of year. Pictured are, from left, Exchange Club President Joey Temples, Student Council Treasurer Matt Ladner, Student Council President Amanda Lovelace, and Exchange Club Member Julie Scianna.

Kilm Library sets Community Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 4

A Community Tree Lighting, hosted by the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation of Hancock County and the Kilm Library Advisory Board, has been set for Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Kilm Public Library.

The Hancock High School Choir, under the direction of Rita Wilson, will provide musical entertainment for the event, and the National Anthem will be sung by Janet Penton, Tiger Cub Pack 20, Den 4 will assist in distributing programs for the event.

Santa will arrive at the library via a fire truck provided courtesy of the Kilm Volunteer Fire Department.

Families are now being asked to help decorate the library's children's tree by picking up an ornament packet that

can be put together as a family and then brought back to be placed on the tree.

The ornament packets contain all the necessary supplies to make the ornament and are now available at the Kilm Public Library.

"We want this to be a community family event," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "We urge families to pick up an ornament packet, put it together as a family, and bring it back to decorate the library's tree."

Further information on the Community Tree Lighting is available by calling Sandra Ladner at 255-1724.

Gov. comes to town for 'Capital Day'

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove will be in town Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the following locations: 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis; 9:45-10:45 a.m., Senior Citizens Meeting, Bay St. Louis Depot; 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., Lockheed Martin Expansion Site Tour, Stennis Space Center; 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Rotary Club at Bay-Waveland Yacht Club; 1:45 - 2:45 p.m., Bay High School, Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis; 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Downtown Walk-around; 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Bay St. Louis Depot Reception.

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New scholarships will help 10 RNs attain grad degrees

A new scholarship fund at the University of Southern Mississippi will help 10 financially disadvantaged nursing students attain their graduate degrees.

The USM College of Nursing has received a two-year \$100,000 grant from Trustees of the Helene Fuld Health Trust, said Dr. Norma Cuellar, one of the principle investigators for the grant, along with Dr. Bonnie Harbaugh.

The grant's purpose is to support financially disadvantaged RNs in full-time study for either the RN to BSN or RN to MSN program at the College of Nursing, said Cuellar.

Ten Helene Fuld Scholars will receive \$10,000 for one year to assist with tuition, books, supplies, housing and travel. Priority will be given to academic achievement.

Church presents 'Wedding of Roses'

The Mount Chapel Baptist Church of Waveland will present "A Wedding of Roses" Sunday, Nov. 25 at 3 p.m.

Special guests will be the Rev. A. M. Parker Jr., the New Lillie Mae Baptist Church of Georgetown, Miss. and St. Rose de Lima Praise Dancers of Bay St. Louis.

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Airport -- land deal

terminated its contract with the firm because it was not satisfied with the slow pace or the results of its work. However, a Denver-based firm continues to develop a "master plan" for mapping the future growth of Stennis, and that report is nearly finalized.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the Port and Harbor Commission gained the Board's blessing to spend \$2.5 million in reserve funds to buy land and four buildings bordering the northern and eastern boundaries of the airport off Road D, near Texas Flat Road.

Executive Director Hal Walters told supervisors the commission planned to purchase the 16-acre tract, which includes four buildings, containing a total 70,000-square feet of rental space.

Walters said Mrs. Leda V. Smith, who owns the property, had signed an intent to sell at the offered price.

He told supervisors Stennis International needed more land and buildings in order to lure additional tenants.

It was obvious some kind of deal had been in the works for months. Supervisors didn't blink an eye or ask questions about what might be coming. They voted unanimously to authorize the purchase.

Jerry Hemphill, the commission's programs manager, later said the commission was buy-



Photo courtesy of Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission

An aerial view of the property the Port & Harbor Commission is eyeing for purchase.

ing the land and buildings for less than their appraised value.

He said three of the buildings were "virtually empty," and one was occupied by a firm furnishing reels to Alcan Cable.

"I feel like we're putting the money into assets," said Hemphill. "This is the highest and best use of this money. The additional land and buildings will help us to attract more ten-

ants."

At the commission's last meeting on Nov. 13, commissioners went into a lengthy executive session to discuss "a prospective tenant," but did not point out whether the prospect was looking at Stennis or Port Bienville. The new land deal comes on the heels of a partnership recently formed by the Commission and Alabama

investors who want to create a high-tech park, and incorporate Stennis Airport into its development.

The commission would buy 87 acres of land just outside Stennis Airport and incorporate it with 200 acres of land the developers would purchase at the northwest corner of Interstate 10 and state Hwy. 603.

NOAA and GMP provide \$340,000 to the Gulf of Mexico Foundation

The Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program (GMP) recently awarded \$250,000 and \$90,000 respectively to the Gulf of Mexico Foundation for habitat restoration in the five states bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

These funds will be used to support grass-roots efforts to restore critical fisheries habitats in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida in areas known as Gulf Ecological Management Sites (GEMS), designated as critical to the sustainability of the Gulf's living marine resources.

These awards launch a major effort to reclaim essential fish habitats of the Gulf of Mexico by implementing "in-the-field" efforts to restore and improve marine and coastal habitats that have been degraded or lost.

The GEMS Program has evolved since its inception in 1991, when it began with the Gulf of Mexico Program and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The funding from NOAA marks the continued evolution of this program as the first step in a new three-year partnership. With matching grant awards, the total value of the effort could exceed \$5 million over the term of the partnership.

"NOAA fisheries is pleased to have established a regional partnership with the Gulf of

Mexico Foundation to restore fisheries habitats across the five Gulf states," said Bill Hogarth, assistant administrator for NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA fisheries).

"The combination of first-hand knowledge from each state's GEMS manager, NOAA fisheries' technical expertise and funding is sure to result in successful, prioritized fisheries habitat restoration Gulfwide."

NOAA fisheries provides federal support for the partnership through its Community-Based Restoration Program, which works with community organizations to support locally-driven habitat restoration projects in marine, estuarine and riparian areas since 1996.

NOAA-funded projects provide strong on-the-ground habitat-restoration components that offer educational and social benefits for people and their communities in addition to long-term ecological benefits for fishery resources.

"We at the Gulf of Mexico Foundation are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with NOAA, the Gulf of Mexico Program, and the Gulf states to implement this major effort to reclaim lost habitat," said Dr. Quenton Dokken, executive director of the Gulf of Mexico Foundation.

Fish, shrimp, oysters, and other living resources of the Gulf of Mexico are the foundation for several billions of dollars of commerce each year. They are an integral part of the historical and future socioeconomic structure of the Gulf Coast."

Seagrass habitats, oyster reefs, marsh and wetland habitats and many more unique and essential fish habitats will be targeted.

The purpose is to ensure that those habitats essential to the successful life cycles of the living marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico continue to exist and become more healthy and productive over time.

The Gulf of Mexico Foundation, a regional non-profit marine conservation organization, will coordinate habitat restoration and education outreach efforts across the Gulf states.

To develop a sense of stewardship within the affected communities, a comprehensive educational outreach program will be a cornerstone of the effort.

Outreach programs will be incorporated into the efforts, such as the Cyberways and Waterways Program, with its interactive website, and the Adopt-A-Wetland Program with extensive teacher education programs.

Local school groups and civic organizations will be involved, and these groups will ultimately ensure the continuation of the program beyond the grant period.

"The Gulf of Mexico Program is excited about being a partner in protecting our Gulf GEMS", said Jim Giattina, Gulf of Mexico Program Director.

"By all of the agencies and individuals in the five Gulf Coast states pulling together like this, we are able to protect our GEMS as one Gulf community."

The Gulf of Mexico Program

was formed in 1988 to develop and implement voluntary, incentive-based management strategies to protect, restore, and maintain the health and productivity of the Gulf ecosystem.

More information on the program can be viewed at: <http://www.gmpo.gov>

NOAA fisheries is dedicated to protecting and preserving our nation's living marine resources through scientific research, management, enforcement, and the conservation of marine mammals and other protected marine species and their habitats.

Information on NOAA fisheries available at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov> Information on the NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program is available at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration/>

More information on the Gulf of Mexico Foundation can be viewed at: <http://www.sci.tamucc.edu/gmf/>

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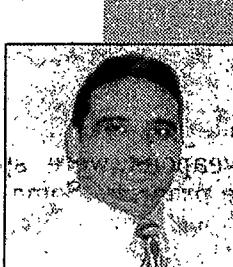
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Hancock Women's Club meets

The Hancock Women's Club met Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

After a short meeting, lunch was served, and the annual Christmas auction was held.

Members and guests were entertained by auctioneer Jackie Magee. The proceeds will be donated to charities in Hancock County.

Members celebrating birthdays in November include Theresa Bourgeois, Dorothy Farley, Amelia Killeen and Rosemary Kirchem. They were presented corsages.

Members were asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child to the December meeting. These will be presented to the Bay St. Louis Fire Department's Toys for Tots campaign.

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Pass Christian Youth Leadership/Gulf Coast is a program of leadership development for ninth grade students from Pass Christian under the direction of the Pass Christian Chamber and alumni of Leadership Gulf Coast.

For information about the program, application or selection process, call the Pass Christian Chamber at 452-2252 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The purpose of Pass Christian Junior Leadership is to produce students of outstanding character who are sensitive to the needs of the community

and prepared to contribute to society.

Participation is open to ninth grade students who reside within the Pass Christian city limits or attend Pass Christian High School.

Applications will be accepted from students who attend private, public, parochial, or home schools.

Selection will be based on leadership potential and participation in school and community activities. A minimum of a "B" average in eighth grade and the first term or ninth grade is required for selection.

All applicants will be notified

regarding selection no later than Dec. 31.

Application requirements:

- A Completed application form

- Copies of eighth grade report card and ninth grade first-term grades

- Letters of commitment from student, parent or guardian, and school

- Postmarked no later than Nov. 29

Attendance at the sessions is mandatory. Although emergencies do arise, any participant missing more than one session, for whatever reason, may be asked to withdraw from the program.

The sessions will be held at Pass Christian High School and City Hall in Pass Christian.

- Monday, Jan. 28, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Community Pride
- Tuesday, Feb. 5, 5-8 p.m., City Government/City Council Meeting (meet at Pass Christian Library)
- Monday, Feb. 18, 3:30-3:30 p.m., Motivational Speaker
- Monday, Feb. 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Developing Leadership Potential

- Monday, March 4, 5:30-8 p.m., Judicial Day (meet at Pass Christian Library)

- Monday, March 11, 6 p.m., Graduation Dinner (location to be announced)

Submit completed applications to: Pass Christian Youth Leadership/Gulf Coast, c/o The Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 307, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

The sessions will be held at Pass Christian High School and City Hall in Pass Christian.

- Monday, Jan. 14, 6-7:30 p.m., Orientation and Opening

Winners

winner at around 8:30 p.m., when all the votes were tallied. The unofficial vote was Adam for 1,515; to 1,250 for Ward.

Carolyn Adam ran to her son stationed in the center of the courthouse lobby, and kissed him as he hugged her, surrounded by supporters.

The same scene saw battle being waged between Don Watson and Phillip Pavolini, both experienced Bay St. Louis policemen, competing for the vacated constable east position.

Watson, who lives downtown, was pulling the downtown precincts in early counting, but Pavolini, who is from Kiln, took the lead when the results began coming in from the northern precincts.

The unofficial total gave Pavolini 1,548 votes to 1,090 for Watson.

Surrounded by members of his large family and friends, Adam was gracious and humble in victory. He said the results showed voters in the northern precincts continued to support him as they had in the primary, but it helped that he worked as a realtor in Diamondhead and

is active in civic and business circles.

Overall, Adam, said campaigning was a "wonderful experience."

"I didn't get cussed at, spit at or bit by a dog," he said.

The overall voter turnout for both candidates was more than 1,000 lower than the primary turnout, with 2,765 total votes cast in the judgeship race, compared to 3,851 cast in the primary; and 2,638 cast in the constable race compared to 3,733 cast in the primary. Apparently, more voters turned out in the primary to vote against a building code proposed for the unincorporated areas of Hancock County.

Pavolini commended Watson for running a "good, clean race." The special election Tuesday was to fill the unexpired terms of Judge Joseph R. Dobson and Constable Danny Hamby, who both resigned. The winners of Tuesday's election will have to run again in 2003.

Arsenal

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Lambert said one of the sawed-off shotguns had been reported stolen as a shotgun in February, 2001, from a Gulfport residence and that ATF and his office were trying to trace the origins of the other confiscated guns.

The weapons were spread about the property. Some were in the truck and some were fully loaded, Lambert added.

Arrested was Barry Moran, 29, 18324 Belle Creek Road, Perkinson (north Hancock County), and an arrest warrant has been issued for Jessie R. Lambert.

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CHAPTER 233

TOPS MS 233 met Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Waveland Public Library. Best loser for the week was Peggy with 5 lbs. There were 14 members present. The gift was won by Rose. The incentive was won by Juanita.

At the area meeting in Long Beach, Elaine placed second in most weight lost in a quarter. Chapter 233 got second place for best average weight loss of 4.1 lbs. per member for a quarter.

Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Tennis academy plans holiday clinic Fri., Sat.

The Coast Tennis Academy will offer a special holiday clinic Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Gulf Park campus of USM Gulf Coast.

Each day will have a session for adults and a session for juniors.

The adults will meet from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., and the

juniors from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Instructors include Raul Malaver, Martha Malaver, Jose Rodriguez, Sheldon Baker and Umberto Rodriguez.

Each session will cost \$21, but those who sign up for both days pay \$35.

Fire -- Rutherford Pier

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The area on fire was approximately four by four feet and had burned through the decking and into the supports.

Ron Vanney, Bay St. Louis Public Works director, said repairs involved taking up a 20 by 20 foot section, as the supports under the decking had to be replaced.

The trio had the fire out, and it was just smoldering when fire fighters arrived. The pier is around 1,000 feet in length.

The fire apparently began in a plastic trash barrel at the end of the pier. It is hard to tell if it was accidental or arson. Vanney said. The trash barrel completely burned, and Vanney said it will be replaced by a metal one.

The Bay Fire Department closed the pier until repairs could be made.

Vanney summoned his main-

tenance team of Kim Favre, Stanley Dunhurst, Kenneth Storey and Ron Smith, who were gathering materials and tools by 9 a.m. to make the necessary repairs.

The pier was closed Monday and most of Tuesday for repairs, Vanney said. The repair crew was able to reuse some of the decking they had to remove to reach the decking supports.

Monday a week ago about 5:55 a.m. motorists summoned the Bay St. Louis Fire Department about a fire at the Magnolia Mall, a mini-shopping mall located at Main Street and Beach Boulevard.

There was fire damage to one business and heavy smoke damage to the other businesses in the complex.

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LOUIS FRANKLIN

Louis J. Franklin of Bay St. Louis died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2001 in Slidell.

Mr. Franklin was born April 11, 1917 in Bay St. Louis. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church, but spent many years living in St. Albans, N.Y. where he worked for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement. He moved to Bay St. Louis in 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Marie Franklin; two brothers, William Franklin Jr. and sculptor Richmond Barthé; two sisters, Edna Wright and Louise Williams.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynn Franklin of Brooklyn, N.Y., former wife, Annette Franklin of St. Albans, N.Y.; a sister, Rita Wiggins of Oakland, Calif.; caretaker Audrey Dubose of Slidell; nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated Tuesday, Nov. 20 at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Lockett-Williams Mortuary in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

KATHERINE NEUDECKER

Katherine Lucille Johnston Neudecker, 77, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, in League City, Texas.

Mrs. Neudecker was a native of Bay St. Louis and a longtime resident of New Orleans. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and was active in the senior citizens program of Corinth, Miss. She was a member of the U.S. Navy Corps and was a registered nurse graduate of Hotel Dieu in New Orleans.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Josephine Puzz Johnston; six brothers, Harold, Kenner, Raymond, Eldon, Arthur and Numa Johnston; five sisters, Effie Johnston, Ethel Johnston, Velma Trapania, Geraldine Lamonte and Juliette Ladner.

Survivors include a son, Joseph W. Neudecker III of Friendswood, Texas; a daughter, Patricia Bernatsky of Hancock County.

Germantown, Tenn.; three sisters, Arthurene Seibert and Rosemary Heno, both of Metairie, and Marilyn Kahoe of Baton Rouge; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 23, 7-9 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services will be conducted Saturday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

EDWIN PASCIAK

Edwin John Pasicki, 81, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Nov. 19, 2001.

Mr. Pasicki was a native of Buffalo, N.Y. and a past resident of New Orleans for over 30 years before moving to Bay St. Louis 30 years ago. He was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor and was a World War II veteran serving in the U.S. Army Infantry Division as a captain and received many decorations, including the Purple Heart with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantry Badge, three Bronze Stars, American Campaign Medal and the American Defense Service Medal. He was a member of the American Legion Post 77 of Waveland, AARP, Senior Citizens and RVSP of Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Carl and Mary Flemick Pasicki; and brothers Leonard John, Richard John and David Francis Pasicki.

Survivors include his wife, Julie Ponzo Pasicki of Bay St. Louis; a son, Lewis Pasicki of Pass Christian; a daughter, Judith McCormick of Billings, Mont.; a brother, Donald John Pasicki of Farmington, N.Y.; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and graveside services in Biloxi National Cemetery.

MARJORIE REAVES

Marjorie Reaves, 83, of Hancock County, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001, in Hancock County.

Services are pending at Nowell Funeral Home in Clarksdale.

Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport handled local arrangements.

arrangements.

AURORA ROBINSON

Aurora G. Robinson, 89, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Robinson was a member of Morning Star Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis where she was a mother of the church. She was also a member of the Pride of Gulf Household of Ruth No. 1749 in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert F. Robinson; her parents, Miner and Amelia Salisbury Smith; three brothers, Percy Wilson, Robert Jack Smith and Alvin Smith; three sisters, Mattie Rosemond; Rita Williams and Merrill Williams; and four sons, Albert Robinson Jr., Charles Joseph Robinson, Roland Rudolph Robinson and Val Eugene Robinson Sr.

Survivors include a son, Earl Lamar Robinson of Bay St. Louis; eight daughters, Merrill Whavers, Josie Coles, Helen Vincent, Betty Price, Patricia Wilkerson, Brenda Green, Carolyn Daniels, all of Bay St. Louis, and Dorothy Gardner of Slidell; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday, Nov. 17 at Morning Star Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at the church followed by burial in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. J. T. Hall Funeral home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

ETHEL STEEN

Ethel Steen, 85, of Pass Christian, died Friday, Nov. 16, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Steen was a resident of Pass Christian since 1957 and was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen William Steen; a daughter, Selene Levanway; her parents, Frank and Fannie May McDonald; a sister, Elizabeth Ford, and a brother, Howell McDonald.

Survivors include sons Allen H. Steen of Long Beach and Frank A. Steen of Biloxi; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Riemann Funeral Home's Long Beach Chapel. Burial was in Long Beach City Cemetery.

T. L. WHEELER

T. L. Wheeler, 80 of Lakeshore, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Wheeler was a native of Newton County and had been a resident of Lakeshore for 16 years. He was a member of Bayside Baptist Church and was a member of Gideon's International and of Woodman of the World. He was an Army veteran of WWII.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Wheeler of Lakeshore; two daughters, Nancy Carol Gibson and Mary Elizabeth Gregoire, both of Monroe, La.; two sons, James Michael Majestic and Johnny Richard Wheeler, both of Lakeshore; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Salem Baptist Church. Ott & Lee Funeral Home in Forest was in charge of arrangements.

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Eat less, exercise more key to dieting success -- particularly during holidays

You are getting ready for the holidays, making gift lists, scheduling Christmas dinner.

Knowing you'll gain 10 pounds before January 1, you're already planning for your New Year's diet.

"If you are considering a high protein diet for weight loss, think again," advises Nicole Barrett, Health and Wellness coordinator for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi.

"High protein diets are not proven effective for long-term weight loss. In addition, high protein diets may increase health risks for those who follow them for more than a short time."

High protein diets include the Atkins, Zone, Protein Power, Sugar Busters and Stillman diets. Recently the American Heart Association nutrition committee compared these diets to ones recommended for heart health and reduction of chronic disease risk.

"High protein items may also be high in fat," says Robert H. Eckel, M.D., immediate past chair of the association's nutrition committee. "Some of the diets increase fat intake and

reduce nutritionally rich foods such as fruits and vegetables, which is not a good approach to meeting a person's long-term dietary needs. Many of these diets fail to provide essential vitamins, minerals, fiber and other nutritional elements, in addition to their high fat content."

Eating patterns such as those encouraged by high protein diets may increase the risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer and high blood pressure, says Barrett. Or they may make such a condition worse, if it already exists.

For example, a high protein diet may compound kidney problems for someone with diabetes. Nutrients such as calcium, potassium and magnesium are beneficial in managing high blood pressure. According to the Association's Science Advisory on Dietary Protein and Weight Reduction, several of the high-protein diets are deficient in one or more of these key nutrients.

Barrett suggests a more balanced approach to weight reduction: "Eat less. Move more. Repeat."

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BUSINESS NEWS

MSCI awards 15 fellowships in remote sensing

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
MSCI recently announced the awarding of 15 graduate fellowships to students studying remote sensing and related fields at Mississippi universities for academic year 2001-02.

The MSCI Graduate Studies in Remote Sensing Program is a major component of the MSCI Remote Sensing Research Institute.

MSCI is a partnership among the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the State of Mississippi and the University of Mississippi (on behalf of the research universities of Mississippi), and 34 high technology businesses.

NASA and the State of Mississippi are co-investors in MSCI. The mission of MSCI is to develop a remote sensing

industry in Mississippi by commercializing the technologies developed by NASA at the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. For additional information, visit www.spacecommerce.com.

The MSCI Graduate Studies in Remote Sensing Program offers \$22,000 graduate scholarship packages for master's or PhD students in remote sensing.

The scholarships are for studies related to the research needs of the industry members of MSCI and are tenable at any of the state's four research universities — Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Awards are for up to two years depending on a competitive renewal.

"Since 1999, MSCI has awarded 42 scholarships and invested \$904,000 in graduate fellowships at Mississippi universities. Many of the past recipients now work in the industry or have continued their education in the remote sensing field."

It is very rewarding to manage a program that has had such an impact on the state's research infrastructure and the development of a much-needed geospatial workforce, said Dr. Allan Falconer, MSCI.

The scholarship applications are reviewed by a panel of nationally recognized experts in the field of remote sensing who rank the proposals based on the quality and feasibility of the proposed research, academic record of the individual applicant, and the relevance of the proposed research to MSCI's goals and the identified research needs of the MSCI Industry Cluster members.

This year's recipients cover a wide range of fields including agronomy, anthropology, biology, chemistry-computer science, entomology/plant pathology, geography, geological engineering, marine science, and plant/soil sciences.

Applications for academic year 2002-03 are currently being solicited and are due by Feb. 15, 2002.

To learn more about the individual fellows and their research projects and for details on applying, visit www.spacecommerce.com.

Waddle joins Hancock Bank

Well-known Hattiesburg banker Benjamin "Benny" Waddle, Jr., has joined Hancock Bank as a senior vice president and business banking manager for Hancock's Forrest and Lamar County markets, according to an announcement by Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

Hattiesburg native Waddle was graduated from Hattiesburg High School and earned an accounting degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Also an alumnus of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, Waddle is a certified public accountant with over 19 years of financial services experience.

A longtime member of numerous professional, civic, and service organizations, he currently serves on the boards of the Hattiesburg YMCA, the Hattiesburg Kiwanis Club, and the USM Alumni Association Hattiesburg chapter and volunteers with the USM Eagle Club Hattiesburg chapter.

Waddle is a member of the Parkway Heights United Methodist Church. He and his wife, the former Pam Gillespie of Hattiesburg, have two children, Amanda and Benjamin.



Benjamin Waddle, Jr.

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International Trade Finance workshop

An "International Trade Finance" workshop will be offered Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, 7:30 a.m. to noon at the USM Gulf Coast campus, Holloway Complex, Room E, Long Beach.

The workshop will discuss the options, costs, and opportunities regarding international trade finance and will cover letters of credit, credit insurance, cash in advance, documentary collections, and the Euro currency.

Speakers from AmSouth

Bank, Export Insurance Services, Union Planters Bank, and Whitney National Bank will be the instructors.

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Bank promotes Achary, Phillips to sr. vice presidents

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel announced that Hancock Bank has promoted Michael M. Achary to senior vice president and Joy Lambert Phillips to senior vice president.

Hancock's board of directors approved the promotions during the regular November 2001 board meeting.

Hancock Holding Company Treasurer Achary serves as Hancock's asset liability manager.

Achary, who joined Hancock in April 2000 as controller, has over 17 years financial services experience as a senior vice president at a New Orleans-based bank and chief financial officer for a New Orleans law firm.

A certified public accountant, New Orleans native Achary was graduated from de la Salle High School and received both a bachelor of science degree in accounting and a master of business administration degree from the University of New Orleans. Achary is also a graduate of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. He is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and Louisiana Society of CPAs.

Boerneville native Phillips joined Hancock Bank in April

1999 and serves as Hancock Bank's general counsel.

She received a bachelor of science degree in political science from The University of Mississippi and a master of laws from the Ole Miss School of Law.

Phillips has chaired the Mississippi Bar real property section and the Mississippi Bankers Association Bank Counsel Committee.

A past president of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson and the Mississippi Women Lawyers Association (MWLA), Phillips is a member of Gulfport Kiwanis and active in MWLA.

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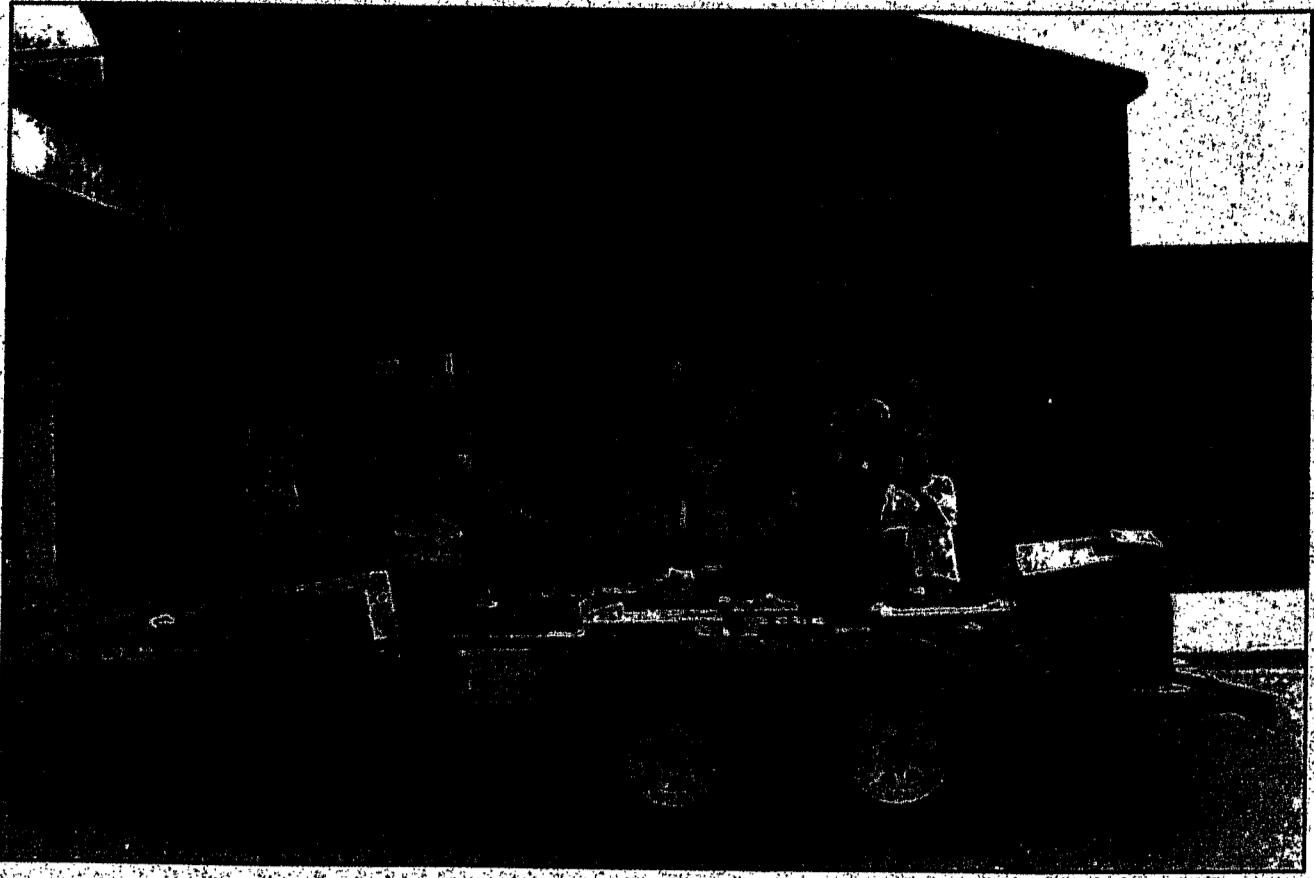
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Helping food pantry

Connie Gobilia and Ashley Thompson's Kindergarten classes from Hancock North Central Elementary School collected dry food items and canned foods for the Hancock County Food Pantry. The collection was part of their Make A Difference Day celebration.



EHE Food Drive

The students of East Hancock Elementary participated in their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive earlier this month. In the true spirit of the season, they surpassed last year's total and brought in 2,350 food items to be donated to the Hancock County Food Pantry. Fifth grade teacher Mary Enders coordinated the event with the help of her students and EHE Student Council members. The first grade class of Robin Gex and the fifth grade class of Debby Fowler were awarded pizza parties for donating the most food items. Members of the Diamondhead Lions Club delivered the packed boxes to the food pantry. Pictured with the canned foods are Mary Enders and her class and Lions Club member Ricky Adam. (Photo by Lydia K. Jelinski)

Gulf Coast Debutante Society ball is Nov. 24

The Gulf Coast Debutante Society presents its Coterie 2001 at the 35th Annual Ball on Saturday, November 24, at Broadwater Towers in Biloxi. The debutantes from Hancock County are:

Lawren LeBon Coward of Bay St. Louis attends Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She serves on the Hospitality Committee. She was previously presented in the New Orleans Spring Fiesta. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lyle Coward of Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Alfred Coward and Mrs. Lawrence Joseph LeBon, Jr., of New Orleans and the late Dr. Lawrence Joseph LeBon, Jr.

Ashleigh Gaddy of Long Beach attends Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jeff Davis campus. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Gaddy of Long Beach. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wendell H. Yarborough and Dr. and Mrs. J. Hurd Gaddy of Long Beach.

Alexis Michelle Koskan of Waveland attends the University of Southern Mississippi. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, vice president of Lambda Sigma honor society, a member of the USM Women's Rugby team, the worship team of Campus Crusade for Christ and a Golden Girl. She is the daughter of Drs. Allen and Irene Koskan of Waveland. Her grandmother is Mrs. Mary Kapetanakis of Karpathos, Greece.

Colleen Kirksey May of Pass Christian attends Arizona State University. She is a member of Delta Gamma, was voted Most Outstanding Freshman, is a member of the Hip-Hop Dance Team, Phi Eta Sigma and the National Freshman Honor Society. She is the daughter of Mrs. Betty Roy Trefny May and Mr. Alexander Fredrick May of Pass Christian. Her grandparents are Mrs. Helen Kirksey May of Pass Christian and the late Alexander David May and Mrs. Betty Roy Trefny of Largo, Fla. and the late Mr. William Patrick Trefny III.

Megan Elizabeth Pigott of Pass Christian attends Texas Christian University. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walton Pigott of Pass Christian. Her grandparents are Mrs. Jewell Pigott of Tyertown and the late Mr. Jewell Pigott and Mrs. Bert Havard of Biloxi and the late Mr. Matthew Turner Buskin.

Wendy Ann Suares of Diamondhead attends Emerson College. She is a Dean's List Scholar and a member of the varsity tennis team, Society of Professional Journalists and works with the Emerson College Radio-WERS F.M. She is the daughter of Emily Williams Suares and the late Dr. John Covington Suares, Jr. Her grandparents are Mrs. Guy T. Williams of Biloxi and the late Guy T. Williams and Dr. John Covington Suares of Greenville and the late Marie Tuves Suares.

Allyson Leah Vaughn Pass Christian attends Southern Methodist University. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, is an SMU Student Ambassador, on the National Dean's List, a member of SMU Catholic Campus Ministry, and a participant in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eugene Vaughn of Pass Christian. Her grandparents are Mrs. Faye B. Vaughn of

Raemonia Welder of Long Beach attends the University of Texas. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and is majoring in communications. She is the daughter of Mrs. Gloria Urrutia Searcy of Long Beach and Mrs. Amos Glenn Welder III of San Antonio, Texas.

William Carey College announces President's, Dean's List honorees

William Carey College has announced the Area students earning recognition include:

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Holiday fun leaves animals stressed

BY BETHANY WALDROP
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Take rich foods, shiny tinsel, laughing guests and fragrant plants mix with curious pets, and you have a recipe for holiday distress. Give your pets special consideration as you make your holiday plans.

Dr. Cory Langston, service chief of community practice at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, said an increase in activities and guests in the home can be very stressful for a pet, depending on the animal's disposition.

"Don't force your pets to socialize if they are afraid or stressed. Don't force them to socialize with children," Langston said. "If you want to introduce children to your pets, do it correctly. Supervise the process, and begin by letting the pet smell the child's hand. Since young children lack the muscle coordination to make smooth movements, show them how to pet an animal gently."

Pets need their own space and time with you to reassure them during the holidays.

"Give your pets a quiet room to hide in during activities. Some animals may even be more comfortable in you board them during these times. It all depends on the disposition of your pets," Langston explained.

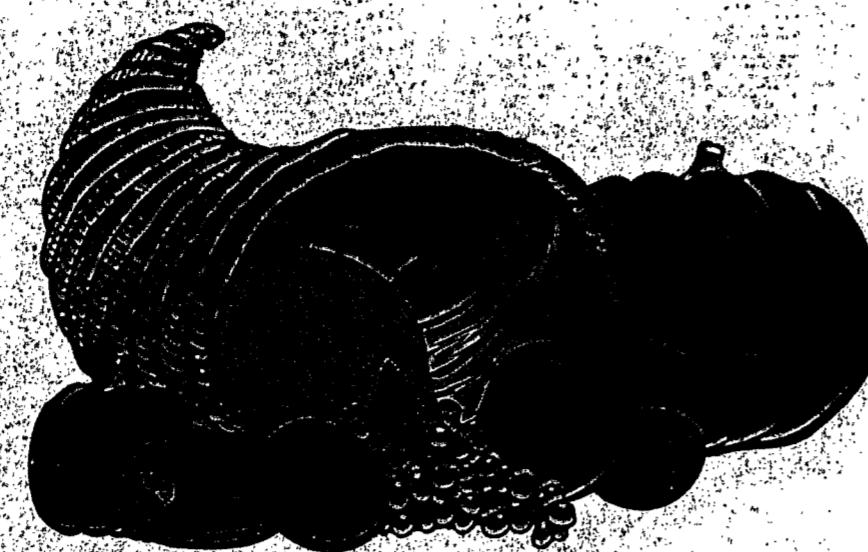
Sharing holiday meals and treats with your pets can cause more than a pain in the stomach.

"During the holidays we see a lot of dietary indiscretion, and people tend to give pets more leftovers. Such rapid changes in diet often cause problems such as vomiting or diarrhea," Langston said. "Be especially careful of high-fat foods which can lead to more serious health problems such as pancreatitis."

Chocolate is a staple in many households year-round, but it is especially abundant during the holidays. While Langston said a small piece of chocolate would not likely be fatal, large amounts of chocolate, especially baker's chocolate, could cause serious health problems including seizures and heart problems.

While decking the halls,

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BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER

Staff Writer

It's Thanksgiving time again and the beginning of the holiday season. For many of us that means getting together with family, childhood memories, setting our own traditions and, of course, eating way too much. This year, especially, we have all become more aware of just what we, as Americans, have to be thankful for and most of us have learned that the freedoms we enjoy in this country are not something to take for granted any longer. We have all become a little more world-wise and that makes this time of thanks all the more special as we realize how lucky we are to be Americans and to be free.



Connie Parker, clerk at Pet Cutie Little Shop in Waveland: "I am thankful for the holidays with family and friends ... their love and laughter. I am also thankful to be able to take a quiet stroll through Waveland."



Kenny Wilkinson, Executive Committee member for American Legion Post 77 in Waveland and Judge Advocate for the 9th District: "I'm thankful that we have people in the White House now that are taking care of the situation we are in and handling it the way they are."



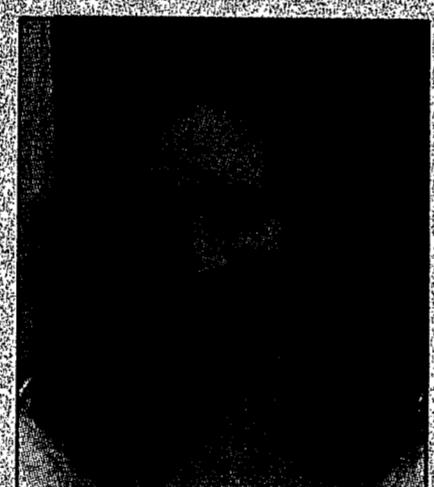
Jimmy Walker, Waveland Police Chief: "I'm thankful that we made it through another year with the safety of all our officers and that we haven't had any traffic fatalities this year."



Don Siebenritter, Waveland Firefighter: "I'm thankful that I'm getting to a job that I've always wanted to do, that there have been no terrorist attacks in Mississippi, that no more people have lost their lives. I'm also thankful to be able to spend the holidays with my new bride, Kathleen."



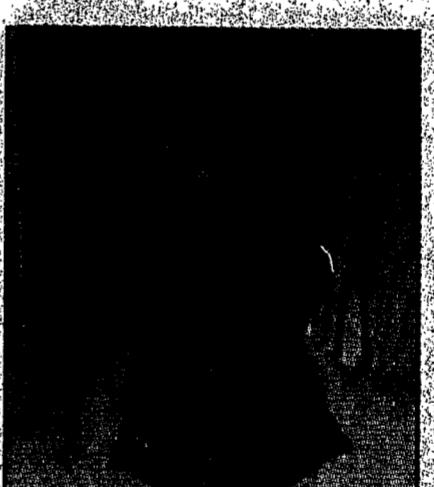
Sid Davis, Commissioner for Hancock County Water and Sewer District: "I'm thankful to just be alive at my age!"



Paula Leon, Bay St. Louis artist: "I'm thankful for all the usual things like health, family, friends and good work."



Jeep Ladner, Hancock County Supervisor: "I'm thankful that I'm alive, that we've had a good year and I'm hoping for a better one next year."



Clayton Thompson, American Legion Post 139 and Past State Commander: "I'm thankful for our freedom and our beautiful country and for all the good ones I have."



Todd Reed, owner of Da Beach House: "Colleen and I are thankful for the opportunity to share and are happy to be a part of a wonderful community."

1961 - Lunar landing test site to involve 40% of Hancock's acreage

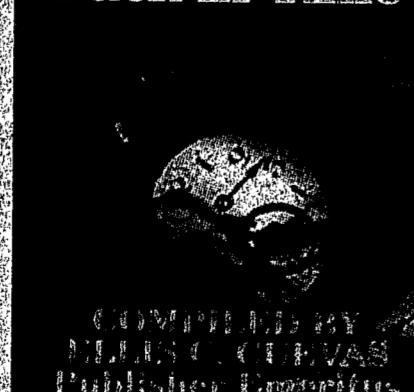
TEN YEARS AGO

November 10, 1991 - As of Friday, John C. Stennis Space Center Director Roy Estess is temporarily appointed special assistant to NASA Administrator Richard H. Truly in Washington, D.C.

Estess replaces former Deputy Administrator J.R. Thompson Jr., who recently resigned. Stennis' Deputy Director Gerald Smith reported that Estess anticipates the assignment to last three to four months. Smith will serve as acting director until Estess' return.

The Bay St. Louis Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139 held its Thanksgiving dinner for deserving veterans Tuesday at the Legion Home on Blue Meadow Road, with 21 veterans from Gulfport, V.A. in addition to 50 area veterans and their spouses.

Back in Time



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TWENTY YEARS AGO
November 12, 1981 - The Annunciation Catholic Parish Pastoral Team has directed that the annual Necaise Crossing Gumbo Festival no longer be conducted at the White Cypress Church grounds.

That order, unanimously adopted by the parish's policy-

making body consisting of clergy and laity leaders, may jeopardize the continuance of the now seven-year-old fall fest even though it has brought the community statewide and national recognition.

Louis Breaux of White Cypress community, Gumbo Festival Committee president, said Monday the team's action represents an "eviction" of the event from the church grounds and the committee members are really upset about the parish order.

The Firemen's Doll and Toy distribution will again be on Christmas Eve, according to Bay Fire Chief Andrew Lizana. Toys were distributed to more than 450 Hancock children in 1980 by firefighters, Bay Police and Hancock sheriff's deputies.

The Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund is an agency of the Hancock County United

Way. In 1980 additional support was received from the Firemen's Association, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, City of Bay St. Louis, new toys from the National Space Technological Laboratories (NSTL) and also contributions from businesses, civic organizations and individuals.

FORTY YEARS AGO
November 9, 1961 - County and municipal officials pushed this week with preparations for establishment of the National Aeronautic and Space Administration's lunar landing static test site, which will involve almost 40 per cent of the acreage in Hancock County.

In an effort to get NASA employees to move in and to keep those displaced by the test area to stay in Hancock County, representatives of the board of supervisors, City of Bay St.

Louis and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce went to Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Huntsville, Ala., where similar space giant space projects are in progress to pick up some pointers on how to move.

The supervisors met informally Saturday afternoon to consider the whole picture and drafted plans to convey their concerns to residents of the affected area.

Convening were Charles A. Russ, Jr., Beat 1; L.M. Frierson, Beat 2; James A. Necaise, Beat 4; and the chairman, R.G. (Manny) Hubbard, Beat 5, all of whose beats are involved in the test area.

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November 9, 1951 - Mrs. Gerald R. Corbett, will speak on Hawaiian statehood Sunday, November 11, 5 p.m., at the Episcopal Parish House. The Bay St. Louis League of Women voters, which is not taking a stand as to the statehood of Hawaii, is sponsoring Mrs. Corbett's address.

Mrs. Corbett is the only woman member of the Hawaiian statehood commission and one of five women who attended the constitutional convention last year. She has first-hand information on the subject and has used in addresses "Hawaiian boys are fighting and dying in Korea. We have had 1000 causalities and yet these boys cannot vote in presidential elections," and "Bringing Hawaii into the

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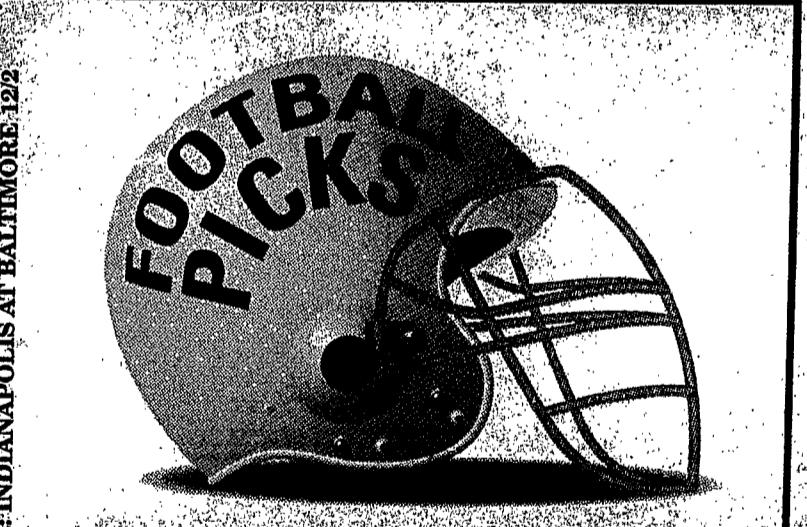
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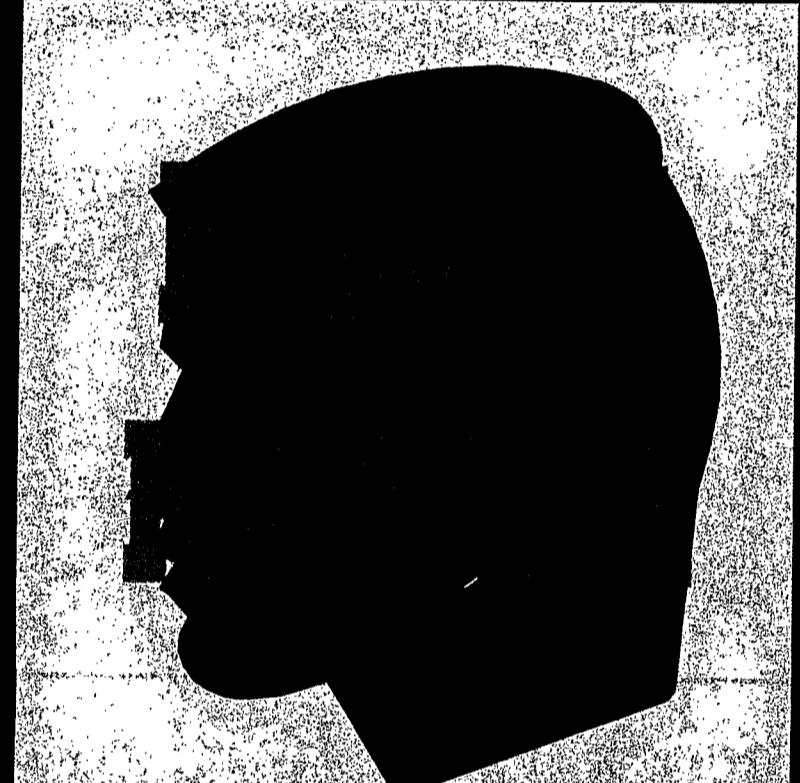
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SPORTS

Tigers can't overcome sting of Yellow Jackets

BY MAURICE SINGLETON
Contributing Writer

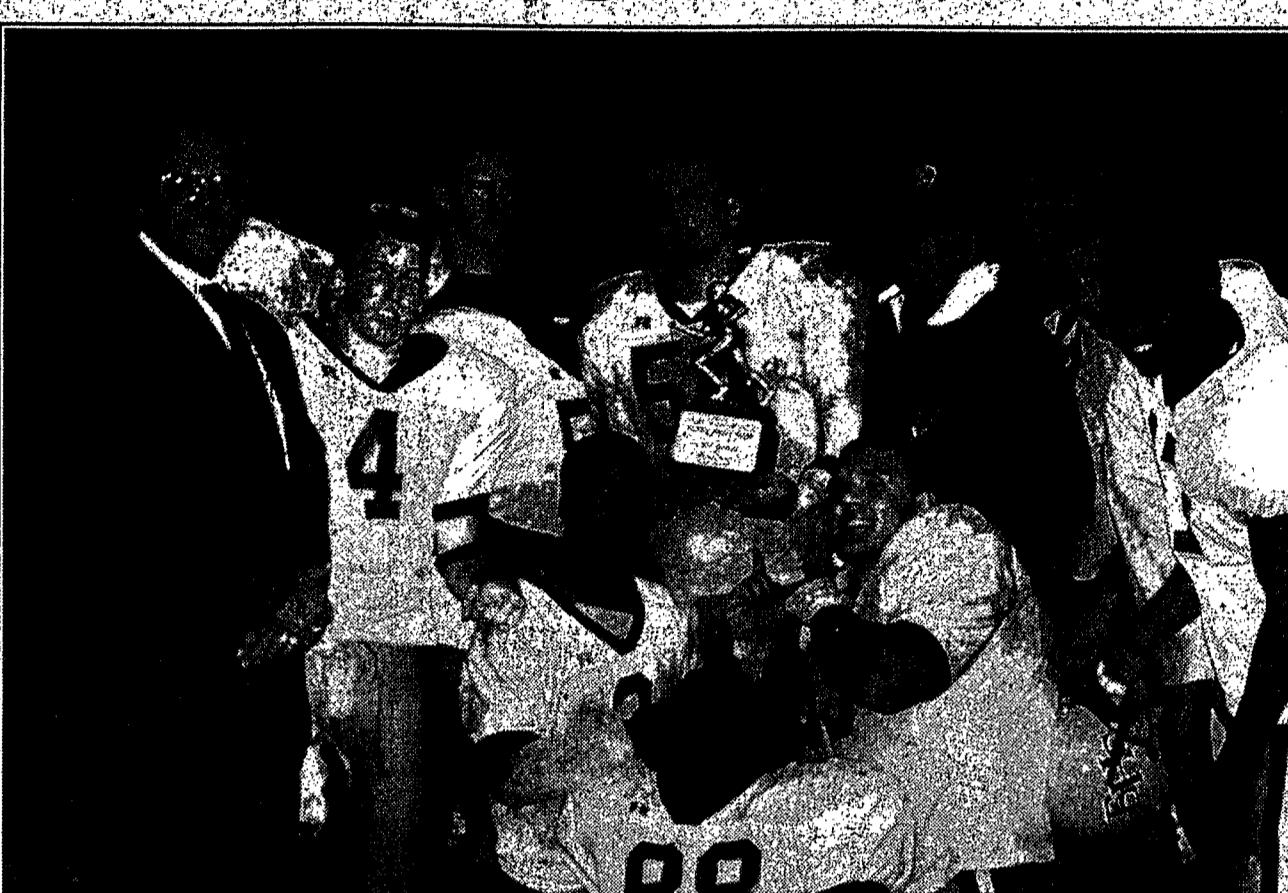
The Bay High Tigers football team closed out the 2001 season with a 39-15 loss in the 62nd Annual Shrimp Bowl Classic at Yankee Stadium in Biloxi on Saturday night. The Tigers struggled in their attempt to slow the potent St. Martin running attack of Scottie Reddix, Richard Hawthorne and Bobby Pullins.

St. Martin scored on each of its first three possessions to take a 16-0 lead with just under 11 minutes to play in the second quarter. For the Tigers it was an uphill battle that they could not overcome. In fact, the Yellow Jackets added another touchdown and another field goal before halftime to take a 25-0 lead into halftime.

The Tigers got on the score board first in the second half as Brent Pitre recovered a blocked punt by his younger brother Robbie Pitre and dashed 44 yards for the score. The Tigers trailed 25-7 after Tim Wright's successful PAT kick.

The Tigers denied the Yellow Jackets on their following possession, but on their next possession, St. Martin added to their margin with a 73-yard pass play for the score. St. Martin led 32-7 with 11:47 remaining in the game.

On the Tigers' first play from scrimmage, Adam Barrett was sacked behind the line of scrimmage at his own 26 yardline. The hit knocked the ball out of his grasp and a St. Martin player picked it up and carried into the end zone for the score. The successful PAT kick closed out St. Martin's scoring at 39 points.



The Bay High Tigers had a great season, despite a Shrimp Bowl loss Saturday to the St. Martin Yellow Jackets. The Tigers finished the year 7-3, a complete turnaround from last year's 3-7.

at their own 29 yardline after the 15 yard penalty was assessed.

The Tigers closed out the game's scoring on a 74-yard pitch-and-pass play as Robbie Pitre pitched out to Terrace Thomas in the backfield.

Thomas rolled right and hit Lorenzo Lewis near the St. Martin 20 yardline near the sideline. Lewis held on and carried the remaining 20 yards for the score. The PAT kick failed, but Tigers' Coach Glenn Williams had nothing but praise for the team that has turned the net effect as St. Martin started

ically in two years.

I am very proud of these young men this year. We had a complete turnaround from last year. The seniors provided some great leadership. I hope it will pave the way for some success next season."

The Tigers finished the regular season with a 7-3 record, a perfect turnaround from the team that went 3-7 during the 2000 season.

Overall, the Tigers closed the season with a 7-5 record, including the first-round district loss to Picayune and the Shrimp Bowl loss.

from the Moss Point loss. We had a big lead against Moss Point and squandered it. That was our focus at halftime. We had to keep our intensity up and I thought we accomplished that as a team in the third period. We gave a good team effort and nobody played poorly."

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In junior varsity action, the Rocks defeated the Hawks 53-24 to move to 3-1 on the season. Rob Murray led the Rock charge with 18 points followed by Ben Benvenutti and Grady Wyly with 15 and 11 points, respectively. Sam Tart chipped in seven points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals.

The Rocks only junior varsity loss of the season happened last Saturday against the Moss Point Tigers.

SSC junior varsity head coach Kelton Thompson commented, "We played our first complete game tonight. We responded well after the Moss Point loss and are looking to keep improving in that aspect."

The ninth grade Rocks completed the sweep in the first game of the night defeating the Hawks 43-18. SSC was led by Ramsey Shawa with 20 points while Jay Spell chipped in 11 points in the win.

The Rocks will tangle with the Pass Christian Pirates in a Division 8 Class 4A matchup on Tuesday, November 27, at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium.

SSC sweeps three from Hancock on the hardwood

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws squared off on the hardwood in high school basketball action on Tuesday, November 20, in Kiln. The Rocks ran away with the win 61-31 and improved their record to 3-2 overall.

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High school soccer update

OLA-Long Beach

Kara Harshbarger scored the winning goal on an assist from Laura Ellis as Our Lady Academy stopped the Long Beach Lady Bearcats 1-0 last Friday in high school soccer play. Ellen Ladner recorded the shutout in goal for the Crescents.

OLA-Gulfport

Our Lady Academy sunk the Gulfport Lady Admirals 5-1 Monday night in soccer action. Emily Meyers, Ashley Chrisman, Katherine Milner, Laura Ellis and Rachel

Cranford scored one goal each in the balanced attack by the Crescents. Chrisman also had three assists and Meyers one.

In the junior varsity contest, OLA won 2-1.

Ellie Dauterine and Jennifer Cootie scored for the junior Crescents. Jane Covington had an assist.

The defending state champion Crescents have posted a 4-0-1 record this season and will host Harrison Central on Tuesday, November 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Bay High-Hancock

The Bay High Lady Tigers grounded the Hancock Lady Hawks 11-2 Monday in district soccer action. Sky Thomas and Jessica Hearty scored three goals each for Bay High. Katie Fillingame scored two goals while Samantha Polkey, Samantha Billingsley and Jennifer Hearty scored one goal each. Polkey and Billingsley had three assists each and Maggie Ticer and Fillingame had one apiece.

Bay High will travel to D'Iberville next Tuesday for a contest with the Lady Warriors.

PRCC's women improve to 4-1 with 82-39 victory in Biloxi

Pearl River Community College's Lady Wildcats improved to 4-1 overall with an 82-39 blow out victory over KATC Nov. 5 in the Lady Wildcat Classic in Poplarville.

Pearl River, an 89-54 winner led 49-19 at the half, then took the second half 33-20 to ice the victory. Kristie McKinley of Hattiesburg High and Jessica Welborn of Kenner La. led the Lady Wildcats with 11 points each, while Willimae Fulton of Bay High had four.

At the foul line, PRCC was nine of 18 (50 percent), while KATC was 13 of 22 (59 percent).

PRCC returns home on Tuesday, Nov. 27, hosting Delgado in 6 p.m. (women's) and 8 p.m. (men's) games. Pearl River opens its South Division schedule against Hinds in Utica Thursday, Nov. 29.

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All A's

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Grade 10: Amanda Arcement, Britney Farrell, Samantha Gregory, Jennifer Ladner, Haley Lee, Conrad Mauffray, Brooke Necaise, Khue Nguyen, Amber Shaw, Scott Sherwood, Pepper Vance, Lacey Wahl, Benjamin Warren

Grade 11: David Breland, Kathryn Easter, Amber Faye, Kalin Genchev, Lacey Grimes, Dana Harris, Erin Johnson, Cody Ladner, Dexter Ladner, Mallerie Ladner, Marcus Ladner, Heather Moran, Devin Necaise, Lisa Peterson, Kayla Stephenson, Jeremy Strief, Andrea White

Grade 12: Katrina Barfield, Jonathan Biddle, Charles Bryant, Ryan Chotto, Kristin Fore, Amanda Garnett

Ginger Hoda, Matthew Ladner, Amanda Lovelace, Samantha McDonald, Billie Morgan, Kreshelle Nicholson, Shelly Paige, Stephanie Peterson, Jenna Plaisance, Karolina Sarnowska

Brandy Sellier, Heather Simpson, Melanie Tisdale, Elizabeth Wilson

Principal's List
A's & B's

Grade 9: Monica Allison, Andrew Almond, Amanda Altsman, Lorraine Anton, Fittany Appel, Jennifer Barrera, Eric Besson, Kyle Diana Donovan

Boehl, Ashley Boehnel, Kandace Boos, Felicia Bryant, Dionna Bush, Alicia Cain, Victoria Campos, Matthew Cannon, Velvet Champagne, Allison Chauvin, Cheri Cornwell, Lance Cuevas, Rachael Diaz, Ashley Dickinson, Tabitha Donovan, Brian Easter, Bryan Foucha Jr., Kevin Francipane, Courtney Gaudie, Ottis Brian Hagwood, Dan Harel, Emma Harris, Alesia Haynes, Whitney Hudson, Amanda Humfress, Marshall Hutchison, Ashley Ingram, Whitney Jackson

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Grade 10: Kelli Anthony, Jerrod Barrios, Jaclyn Behre, Charles Bledsoe, Daniele Bordages, Trevin Burge, Bryce Cairns, Kari Caple, Jacob Conant, Rachel Courtney, Matt Crittenden, Lauren Dauzat, Summer Dawsey, Melinda Dittmann, Robert Domke III, Layla Mitchell, Lynn Morrison, Russell Necaise, Hien Hguen, Cody Owens, Amber

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Glen Stennett Jr., Justin Sylvester, Cherie Taylor, Destiny Tullos, Andela Walton, Summer Zulli

Grade 11: Natasha Arce, Dixie Austin, Posha Briney, Chelsea Caldwell, Scott Colson, John Craven, Jonathan Cuevas, James Dunhurst, Jamie English, Theodore Farrell Jr., Jamie Flowers, Veronica Fucich, Rita Gable, Lori Gaudie, Courtney Gaudin, Vivian Gibson, Charles Guidos

Meghan Hedrick, Ashley Herndon, Brandon Hunt, Benjamin Hynes, Jacqueline Jeanfreau, Krystal Kuhlmann, Adam Ladner, Daron Ladner, Dung Lee, Alexis Lee, Valerie Lee, Zachary Lee, Crystal Lott, Yves Martins, Kendra McArthur

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Stress -- holiday pet care

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"A common misconception is that poinsettias are deadly to pets. While the plants will cause some vomiting and diarrhea if pets consume them, it is typically not a life-threatening situation," Langston explained. "Toxic plants include Christmas rose, holly leaves and berries, and mistletoe leaves and especially the

berries."

Long, stringy items present a great danger to pets, and these abound during the holidays. Ribbons and strings around gifts can be a great temptation to cats, and shimmering tinsel can be irresistible.

"While small, round objects may pass through the animal's GI system, long strings can lodge and cause the intestine to spasm," Langston said. "These often will not pass through and have to be surgically removed."

If your pet has a string or ribbon in its mouth, apply gentle traction to remove as much of it as possible, and watch the animals for signs of distress.

Saint Clare Catholic Honor Roll

STRAIGHT A'S

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5th Grade: Sabrina Bradford, Morgan Hansell, Bryan Lynch, Cady Reinhart, John Smuck, Solomon Twiggs, Rachel Courtault

6th Grade: Corey Daspit, Shelly Reboul, Shelby Wild, Bri Johnston, Gabrielle Gros, Brittany Piazza, Maggie Worrel

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Osterholm, Holly Peterson, Courteney Seitz, Taylor Turcotte, Joshua Williams, Ashton Aime

3rd Grade: Nicholas Baudean, Brandon Bunol, Stephiene Burke, Billy Cottet, Newman Forester, Dakota Gugino, Kaylyn Hall, Magan McClellan, Nadia Moise, Brandon Odom

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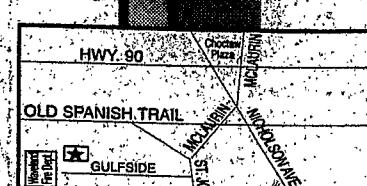
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By Harl Favre

You get a dead turkey then you skin it and put sweet potatoes next to it then you put pepper in it and you cook it.

Brice Thomas

Go to the store and buy a turkey. Cut a hole in it. Get all of the stuff out of it. Put stuffing in it. Put it in the oven for 350 F degrees. Wait until an hour passes or take it out of oven when it is tan/brown.

By Sara

Get a turkey. Take junk out of it. Dress it with dressing, spices and seasonings. You heat the oven for about ten min. Put the turkey in the oven after the oven heats. Cook at 350 F I think. Cook it for about 30 min. Then eat it.

Hilary Thomas

North Bay Elementary

I will catch a turkey. I will get my Mom to cook it for 12 hours. Last we will take it out and eat it.

By Sarah

First catch a Turkey. Second put Turkey in a pan. Third put Turkey in hot oven. Fourth cook on high fire for 5 minutes. Last me and my Family eat!

D'Quan Lewis

First I will get a net to get him. Next I will get my dog to get him. I will cook him for 10 minutes. Last I will eat my turkey. The end.

By Katie Lynn Burpacher

Put hot water in the pot. Cut the turkey up. Put it in a pan. Add a little cinnamon and sugar then cook it for 5 mins. Take it out, put a little little pepper in it. Then put it in a plate, add a little little hot sauce. Then go sit at the table, put your napkin on and you can eat it!

Devan Gauthier

Gulfview Elementary

Last Thanksgiving my mom cooked a turkey. She washes the turkey. She stuffs the turkey. She puts gravy on the turkey. She bakes it on Thanksgiving Day. And we eat the turkey. Then my mawmaw bakes ham. She puts gravy on it. She puts it in a pan. She puts butter on the ham. They are both good!

Celeste Courteaux

My mom cleans the turkey. She puts seasoning and she bakes it and she lets it get crisp in the oven. And she stuffs it and she makes it juicy. She puts it in a piey dish. She puts in dressing. When the temperatur es hot and we eat it.

Keenie Neil Gaines

When my Mom cooks a turkey she cleans it and she stuffs it. She puts seasoning on it and she puts the temperature to 60.

Jasmine Smith

My Mawmaw cleans the turkey. Then she stuffs the turkey with gravy. She bakes it on Thanksgiving day. She puts ham on the turkey. She puts butter on it. My Mawmaw puts seasoning Taylor Ladner

Momma gets the turkey from Walmart. She sometimes puts it in the refrigerator. She puts it in a pan. She puts some luminous foil on top of it. She sticks a little thing in the turkey she puts it in the oven. She turns on the oven and it starts cooking about 20 minutes. The thing she sticks in pops up. That's when it's ready.

Sydney Anderson

She got the turkey from someone's house. She cooks it. You put it in a pot, cook it on the stove for maybe 6 hours. You eat it!

Anthony Cucurullo

You gotta get the turkey from SavaCenter. Bring it home and cook it on the stove. Take the paper off. Put a little bit of salt on it, pepper, take it off the stove and it's finished.

Mark Ray

First, kill it. Go in the woods. You get the blood off. Wash it with water. Take the feathers off pull em. Take it home with a wheelbarrow or with a truck. Then, cook it. Put it in a pan, put pepper, salt, that little red stuff. Then, put it in the oven for 4 minutes.

Samantha Ladner

Shoot it. Rip the wings off. Put it in the oven. Then you can eat it.

Wes Seymour

Put it in the oven. When it cooks, you can eat it.

Jacqueline Beasley

You bake it. You put salt on it. You eat it.

Brittany Hust

Put salt and pepper on it. You put it in the oven. Then you eat it.

Judson Roberts

Squeeze juice in it. Cook it. Eat it.

Kyle Rogers

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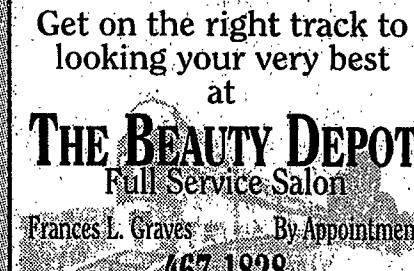
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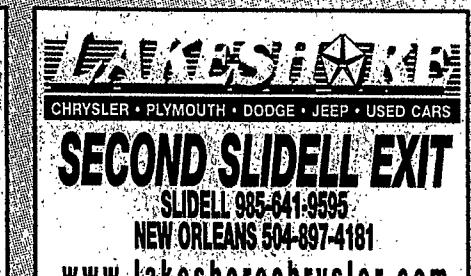


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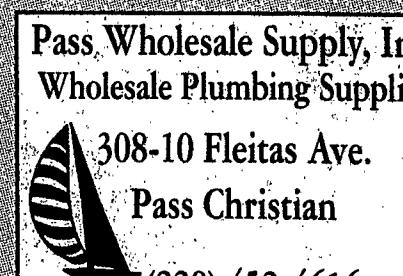
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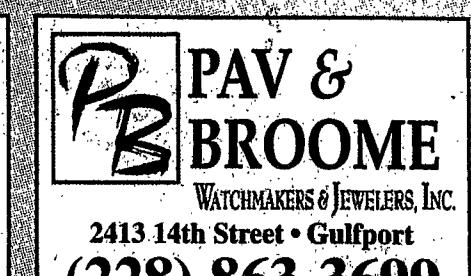
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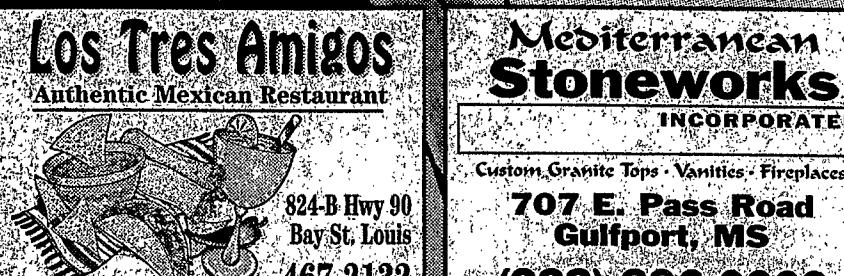
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PRIME LOT. 20,000 SF WALK TO HOSPITAL. Great for Doctors Village \$179K. 467-3560.

WATERFRONT LOTS ACCESS BSL AND Gulf. 228-216-2358.

159 Houses For Sale

FOR LEASE: NEW 3BR, 2 1/2 BATH DUPLEX, BSL. \$850/month. Call Chari @ Century 21 McIntrye-Rapp. 467-3777.

GREAT 2 BDRM, 2 BATH HOME. Impeccable inside and out. Only steps from the beach, tucked under giant Oaks. \$650/mo. Pet free. Key Properties, 467-0600.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF CERIL S. SCHEPPEGRELL, DECEASED JUNE S. WEISKOPF, EXECUTRIX STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK SUMMONS

TO: VIRGINIA K. SCHEPPEGRELL, 1803 Henderson Street, Waveland, MS 39576; VIRGINIA S. WEBB, 3630 W. Main Street, Waveland Springs, MS 39576; ANN S. PARR, 225 Somerside Drive, Lefors, MS 39068; STEWART J. SCHEPPEGRELL, 230 Anderson Road, Prescott, Arizona 85303; JOHN C. SCHEPPEGREL, 1678 Starwood Drive, Bend, Oregon 97701; ELIZABETH A. SCHEPPEGREL, 1678 Starwood Drive, Bend, Oregon 97701; JOHN C. McFarlin, LA 70005; JUNE S. WEISKOPF, 2225 Sandalwood Drive, Gautier, MS 39553; GEORGE W. SCHEPPEGREL, 1125 Francis Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236; ROBERT W. SCHEPPEGREL, 1125 Francis Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236; JOHN C. SCHEPPEGREL, JR., deceased; and THE HEIRS AT LAW OF BEDFORD YOUNG AKA BEDFORD YOUNG, JR., deceased; ET AL DEFENDANTS

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RULE 61 SUMMONS (Summary Publication) No. 2001-768

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You have been made Respondents in the lawsuit filed in this Court by June S. Weiskopf, Petitioner.

The Petition filed against you is a civil action seeking to have a copy of the Last Will and Testament of the decedent, John C. Scoppegegrel, filed under the terms of the Last Will and Testament of Ceril S. Scheppegegrel adjudicated as the sole residuary under the terms of the Last Will and Testament of the decedent, and to have Virginia K. Scheppegegrel, Virginia Webb, Ann S. Parr, Stewart J. Scheppegegrel, John C. Scheppegegrel, Elizabeth A. Scheppegegrel, George W. Scheppegegrel adjudicated as the sole and only heirs at law of the deceased; all as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK AM. ON THE 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2001, IN THE COURTHOUSE OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI, AND, IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire in care of Haiden P. Sheffield, 2007 Magnolia Street, Passapoula, Mississippi 39567.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 1st day of Nov., 2001.
(Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK BY: Lorraine Scarborough 11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2001

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / ZADIE ROGERS, SOCIAL SERVICES REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AND DARIUS THOMPSON STEPHANIE RENEE THOMPSON AND NATHANIEL MICHAEL WILLIAM JR., MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, ZAIDI ROGERS PETITIONERS VS. CAROLYN ANN THOMPSON, NATHANIEL WILLIAM AND J.W. HENRY, RESPONDENTS CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. 2001-756 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: J.W. Henry, who is not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose post office address is not known to the Petitioners after diligent inquiry made by said Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Human Services / Zadie Rogers, Social Services Regional Director, and Darius Thompson, Stephanie Thompson and Nathaniel Michael William, Jr., minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Hancock County Department of Human Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK AM. ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2002, IN THE COURTHOUSE OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHANCERY COURT, AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND, IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE PETITION.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire in care of Haiden P. Sheffield, 2007 Magnolia Street, Passapoula, Mississippi 39567.

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TO: HOWARD K. PATTON, MARY JO MILKES PATTON, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND ANY OTHER PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY DEFENDANTS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot 41, Block 5, Diamondhead, Phase # 14, Section 28, Township 7 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, MS 39040, 00000-00000, Hancock County, Mississippi.

SUMMONS CAUSE NO. 2001-820

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This the 6th day of November, 2001.

James Dale Scalfi, Executor

Orville Edward Scalfi, Deceased

By: Karen Michael Rayburn Attorney for Petitioners

P.O. Box 2566 Gulfport, MS 39055 (228) 869-4040 MSA#63524 11/22, 11/29/01

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOMINICK SCAFIDI, DECEASED JAMES DALE SCALFI PETITIONER

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2000, Wilbert Myles and Janet M. Myles, executed a deed of trust to Jim B. Tolish, and his wife, Carol A. Tolish, in the amount of \$10,000.00, recorded in Deed Book 699 at page 151 in the office of the Chancery Clerk the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Franklin First Union National Bank by instrument dated October 31, 2000, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 610 at Page 326; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid deed of trust was assigned to Franklin First Union National Bank, as trustee, by instrument dated September 24, 2001, and recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 657 at Page 385; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the legal right to sell said undivided interest in the original substituted trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John C. Underwood, Jr., Substituted Trustee, in said deed of trust, will on the 29th day of November, 2001, at 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for each to the highest bidder, and within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the Main front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Three (3) and Four (4), Block six (6), GREENCREES ADDITION to Waveland, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 72 thereof, reference to which hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, the 2nd day of November, 2001.

John C. Underwood, Jr.
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE
Control #01070750
11/08, 11/15, 11/22/2001

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Public Notices

WEST HANCOCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2001

REVENUES

Property Taxes \$21,738.62

Interest Income \$11,233

Total Revenues \$21,851.75

EXPENDITURES

Public Safety: Gas/Oil \$1,982.00

F.D. Truck Maintenance & Repair \$1,160.50

Fire Station Maintenance \$108.50

District Miscellaneous \$85.44

D.F. Travel Authorization (Medical) \$200.00

Excess Revenues over Expenditures \$1,982.00

BEGINNING FUND BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2000 \$21,814.84

ENDING FUND BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 \$20,226.85

WEST HANCOCK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE - CASH BASIS September 30, 2001

ASSETS

Cash in Banks \$5,202.86

TOTAL ASSETS \$5,202.86

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

\$5,202.86

11/18; 11/22/2001

Public Notices

Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale: NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Scalfi, Jr., Substituted Trustee of the aforesaid Deed of Trust, will on the 4th day of December, 2001, offer to sell to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lots 32, 33, and 34, Block 55 of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company's subdivision of part of the Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Company, located in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

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Entertainment

'Elvis' at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Dec. 4-9

Brandon Bennett is a handsome southern boy who merits a second, and then third look. Born in Ponchatoula, he's been labeled an Elvis clone. Not only his looks resemble the King, but his entertaining ability only reinforces the illusion.

Bennett is an all-American young man who fans enjoy both on and off the stage. He has recaptured Elvis fans and has convinced others to join the crowd.

He has performed in casinos in Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, and Wisconsin and will be performing live at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on the Main Lobby stage Tuesday through Sunday, Dec. 4 through Dec. 9.

All shows are free. Show times are 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 6 and 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Most recently, Bennett took first place at the Southeast Regional Elvis Extravaganza Contest during this year's Cruisin' the Coast week at Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis.

He also placed second in the prestigious 2000 "Images of Elvis" contest in Nashville, Tenn., becoming the youngest contestant to ever place.

Bennett got his start in high school when he was asked to dress like Elvis for a 70's Day function. Many comments were made about his uncanny resemblance to "The King of Rock-n-Roll." He was asked to sing and the reaction was overwhelming.



Elvis Impersonator Brandon Bennett, of Ponchatoula, will perform at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Dec. 4 through Dec. 9.

Today, Bennett says, "I put my heart and soul into each and every performance because it is a joy to perform music that

means so much to me and others. I hope to perform for others as long as people want to hear me."

St. Rose Choir, Methodist Bell Choir will highlight Tree Gala

The St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir will perform at the Hancock County Library's 2001 Holiday Tree Gala, set for Sunday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Other entertainment will include a special performance of holiday music by the Main Street United Methodist Church Bell Choir.

More than 70 local businesses, organizations and schools will display decorated trees throughout the building.

"We invite the public to visit the library and enjoy an afternoon of music and activities," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "We will have holiday music, a visit from Santa Claus, Merrybelle the Clown, refreshments and beautiful trees."

Merrybelle the Clown will perform in the Margaret Hicks Shadoin Children's Library for the children at 1:30 p.m.

The Main Street United Methodist Church Praise Bell Choir will perform at 2 p.m. in the main part of the library. This is a three-octave bell choir.

composed of 12 members from all occupations and religions.

The choir originally began in 1981 as a two-octave bell choir but soon expanded to the present three-octave choir. From this original choir, two children's bell choirs and small ensembles have developed.

The St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir will perform at 3 p.m. in the main part of the library. Begun as a spin-off from the St. Rose Little Children's Choir organized by Marilyn Smith more than 20 years ago, the St. Rose Gospel Choir is non-denominational.

Members are Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian. The only requirement to be a member of the choir is to have a good voice and a desire to praise the Lord in song.

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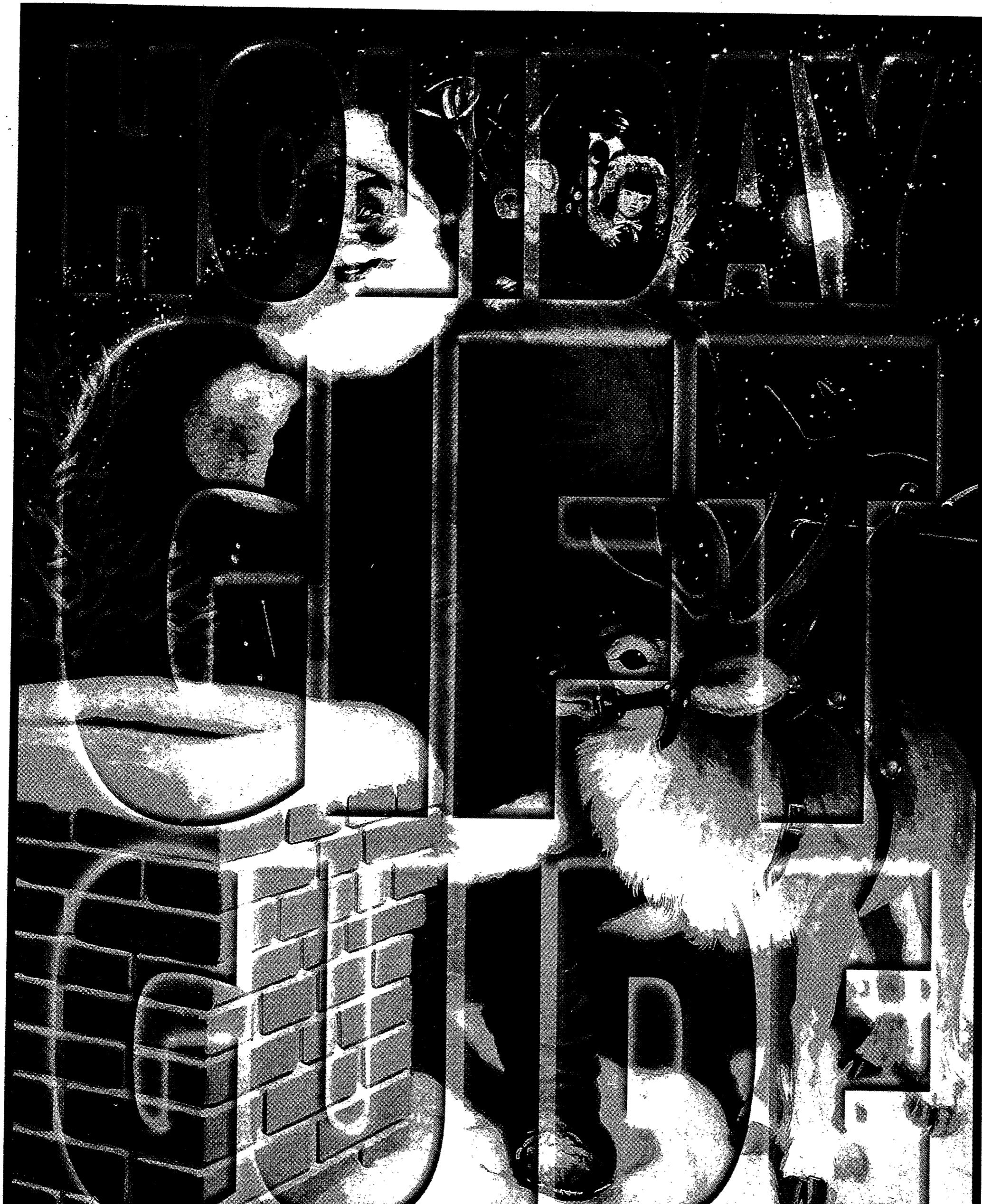
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Careful: Holiday weight gain may last a lifetime on your hips

By Bethany Waldrop
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MSU Ag Communications

The good news is, most people don't gain as much weight as they think they do during the holidays. The bad news is, the weight people do gain then is not likely to be lost during the new year.

In early 2001, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases concluded a study about holiday weight gain with some surprising results.

Most people overestimate the amount of weight they had gained during the holiday season. But, those who were already overweight gained more than those at a healthy weight.

Researchers at the institution explained that knowing that people actually accumulate a large part of their yearly weight gain during the winter holiday season may prove useful in treating weight problems.

"People have a lot of excuses for not exercising during the winter holidays," said Rebecca Kelly, a registered dietitian and human nutrition specialist with the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

"It is cold outside, it gets dark early and there are many holiday tasks to get done. But you can take the stairs or go walking indoors



- whether it is at your workplace, a super store or a mall. It's the extra steps in your day that can make the difference because the little things add up."

In addition to keeping activity levels high, try avoiding common holiday pitfalls, including alcohol and binges.

"You can still eat rich foods - but just have a small piece, not the whole pie," Kelly explained. "Also try to avoid alcoholic beverages. These have a lot of calories, and they lower blood sugar and stimulate your appetite."

People may want to team up with a friend or relative to increase their willpower, but make sure not to compete with each other for weight loss or weight control goals. Plan ahead to avoid

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Tolerance may be 2001's 'hottest' gift this season

By Linda Breazeale
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Toy manufacturers' goal each year is to produce the most popular item, but tolerance may be this holiday season's hottest gift.

Holiday shoppers have enthusiastically purchased Cabbage Patch and Tickle Me Elmo dolls and Sony Playstations in recent years, but this may be the year

Americans turn to more traditional expressions of the season.

"Crises have a way of focusing our attention on the things and people who are most precious to us. This year, most people

seem more interested in the simple joys of life and holiday traditions," said Louise Davis, child and family development specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service.

"This holiday season will be a perfect time for families to make an effort to reconsider their heritage and traditions as well as study different cultures and how they celebrate the holidays."

In some cases, the Sept. 11 tragedies have influenced people to look outside their faith and try to understand other religions. Christians and Jews are studying Islam, and Muslims are listening to Christian and Jewish leaders explain their faiths.

"Understanding different religions and cultural celebrations is the first step to tolerating differences and living together in a community," Davis said.

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"We need to help children develop positive self-concepts and be proud of who they are; but we don't want them to feel superior to other groups, either."

Davis said the holidays yield several good opportunities for people to study several different cultures through their holiday traditions.

Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Ramadan are major celebrations taking place between now and the first part of January.

Adults likely will have to study about the different cultures before trying to teach children about other traditions.

"Usually, even families who don't have a religious affiliation will take part in secular holiday activities. Still, teachers should be sensitive and help children learn about all groups and learn to respectfully tolerate differences," Davis said.

The month of Ramadan begins around Nov. 17, the week of Hanukkah begins at sunset on Dec. 9, Christmas is Dec. 25, and Kwanzaa takes place from Dec. 26 until Jan. 1.

"Teachers and child-care workers should make an effort to know parents' wishes for their child's environment," Davis said. "You

can't expect children to be tolerant if you don't have any tolerance yourself."

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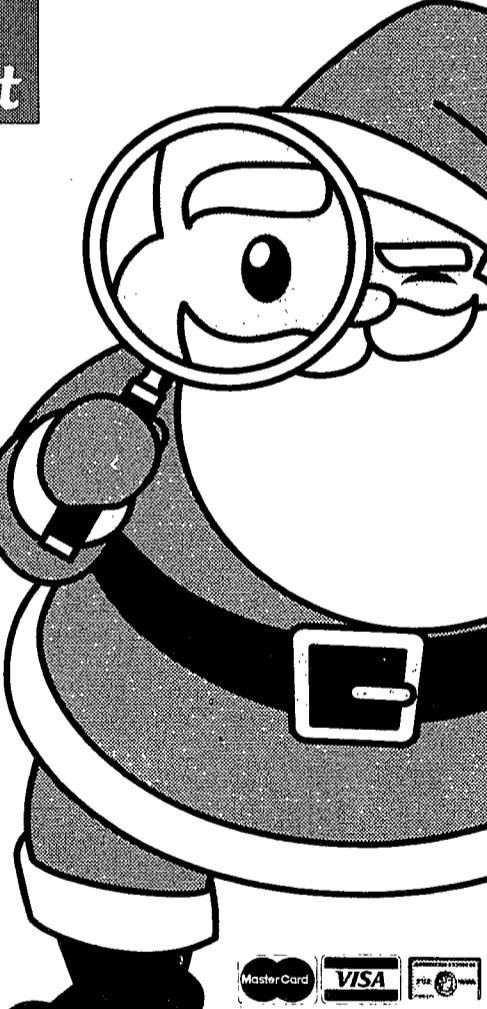
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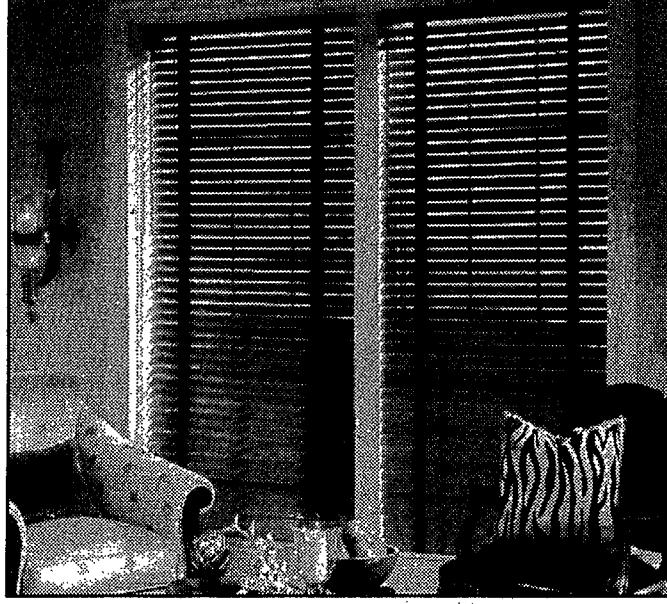
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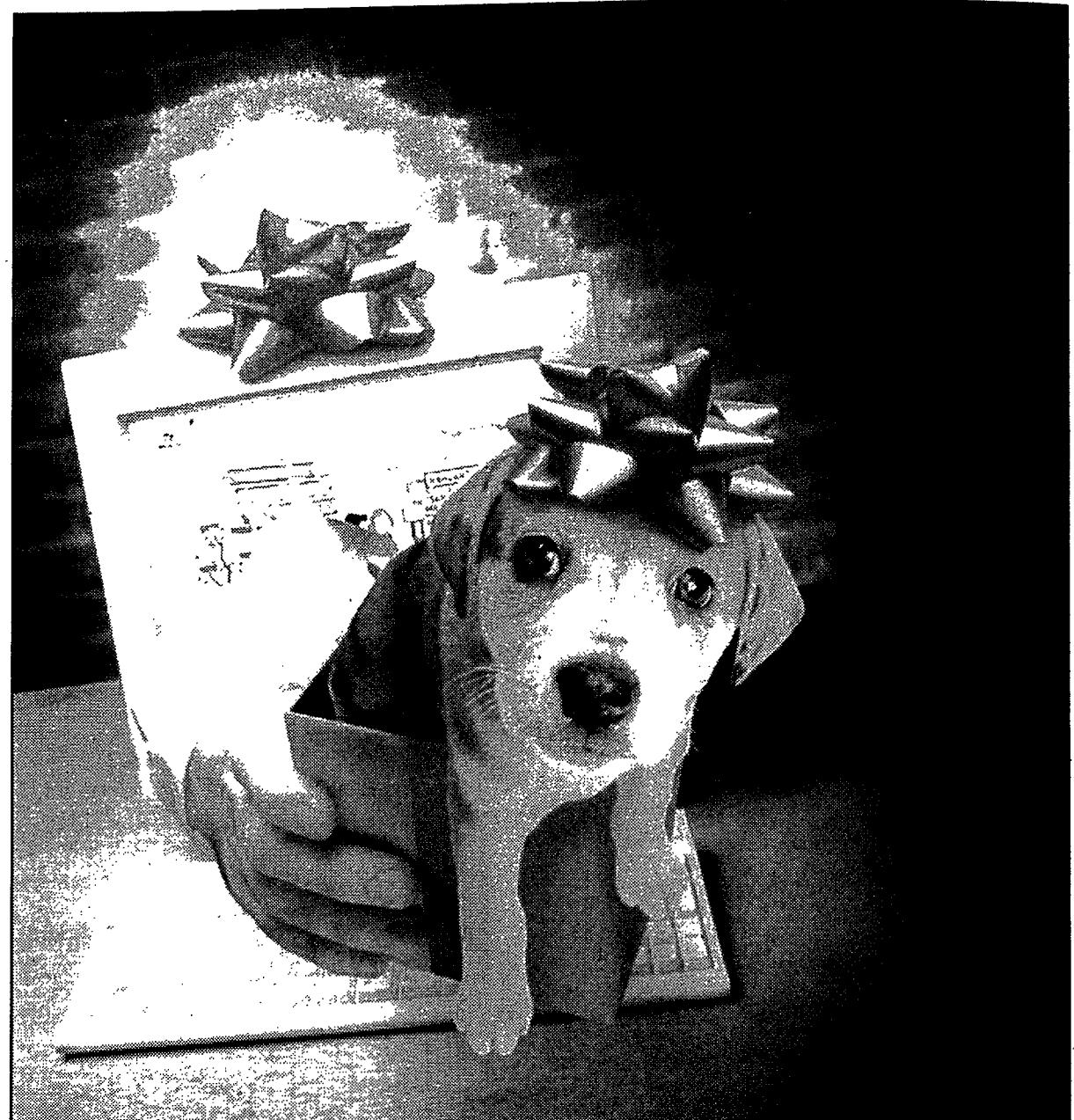
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Two popular holiday-time gifts require careful consideration

We've all done it — raced to the store on the eve of the holidays to pick up gifts we just never got around to buying in advance. But there we're faced with hordes of other frantic shoppers making a mad dash to grab any item — just so they have something to stow under the tree or next to the menorah. How many unsuspecting family members have been the recipients of a gift that, well, really had no thought behind it?

Perhaps that "shopping spree" method of choosing gifts is harmless when it comes to picking out clothing (provided you've selected the right size), ties, books or even themed holiday baskets, but when you decide to make a major purchase, it's usually wise to spend more than a split second on the decision — even if means pulling a college-style study session to do a little

research.

Two popular holiday gifts that should be chosen carefully are pets and computers. That's why MetLife Consumer Education Center in conjunction with The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association (CEMA), has developed two brochures titled, "Choosing and Caring For a Pet" and "Buying a Computer" to help keep your holidays jolly.

PRECIOUS PETS

Pets have long been a popular gift item. However, consider a few pet-friendly pointers before you head out to the pet shop.

Firstly, it's wise to consider whether the gift recipient is able to take care of the pet, as any animal requires a long-term commitment. Does he or she have ample space

to house the pet? Are there finances available for veterinary visits and home care? Does this person (especially when dealing with a child) have the interest and the time to care for an animal? Puppies, especially require a large devotion of time and energy — it's much like having a baby around the house. And, if you're purchasing a young animal, you may want to get advice on what it will look like as an adult. That adorable "mutt" you're adopting from the shelter may actually grow to Great Dane proportions!

COMPUTER ATTRACTION

Computer system prices seem to drop every day and there are hundreds of deals from Internet Service Providers (ISP) to make logging on to the Internet

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'Tis the season for technology

(MS) — "On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me . . ." a direct-view digital TV. Gone are the days of giving or getting partridges in pear trees. Santa's going high-tech this year, delivering such digital entertainment delights as slim and trim MP3 players, HDTVs, DVDs and Dual Deck VCRs — not to mention sophisticated portable projectors. He's making a list and checking it twice, giving action-packed video games to those who've been nice.

Whether celebrating Christmas, Chanukah or Kwanzaa, everyone on the holiday shopper's list will love MP3 players from Rio, from the affordable Rio One for on-the-go teens to the ultra-trim Nike-branded MP3 player that can keep up with even the most athletic family member. Do you need something in the middle? How about the RioVolt? Your loved one can enjoy up to 10 hours of music in both wav and MP3 files formats on a single CD.

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Need to record the the

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And, because it's the holidays, why not mix business with pleasure with a lightweight, portable, micro-projector? Simply plug it into a television, VHS or DVD player and project "A Christmas Story" or the Super Bowl on your living room wall. In the meantime, the kids will enjoy playing games arcade-style with life-size characters. And, when it's time to work, you can easily pack it into a briefcase alongside a laptop or personal digital assistant (PDA) and hit the road.

For the fearless thrill seekers on your list, give them the heart-stopping follow-up to one of the most revered PC games, "Return to Castle Wolfenstein". This game from Activision and id Software delivers fast-paced action and white-knuckle suspense. It's where "The X-Files" meet "Indiana Jones" in an adrenaline-packed adventure. It will keep your holiday gamer entertained for hours this season.

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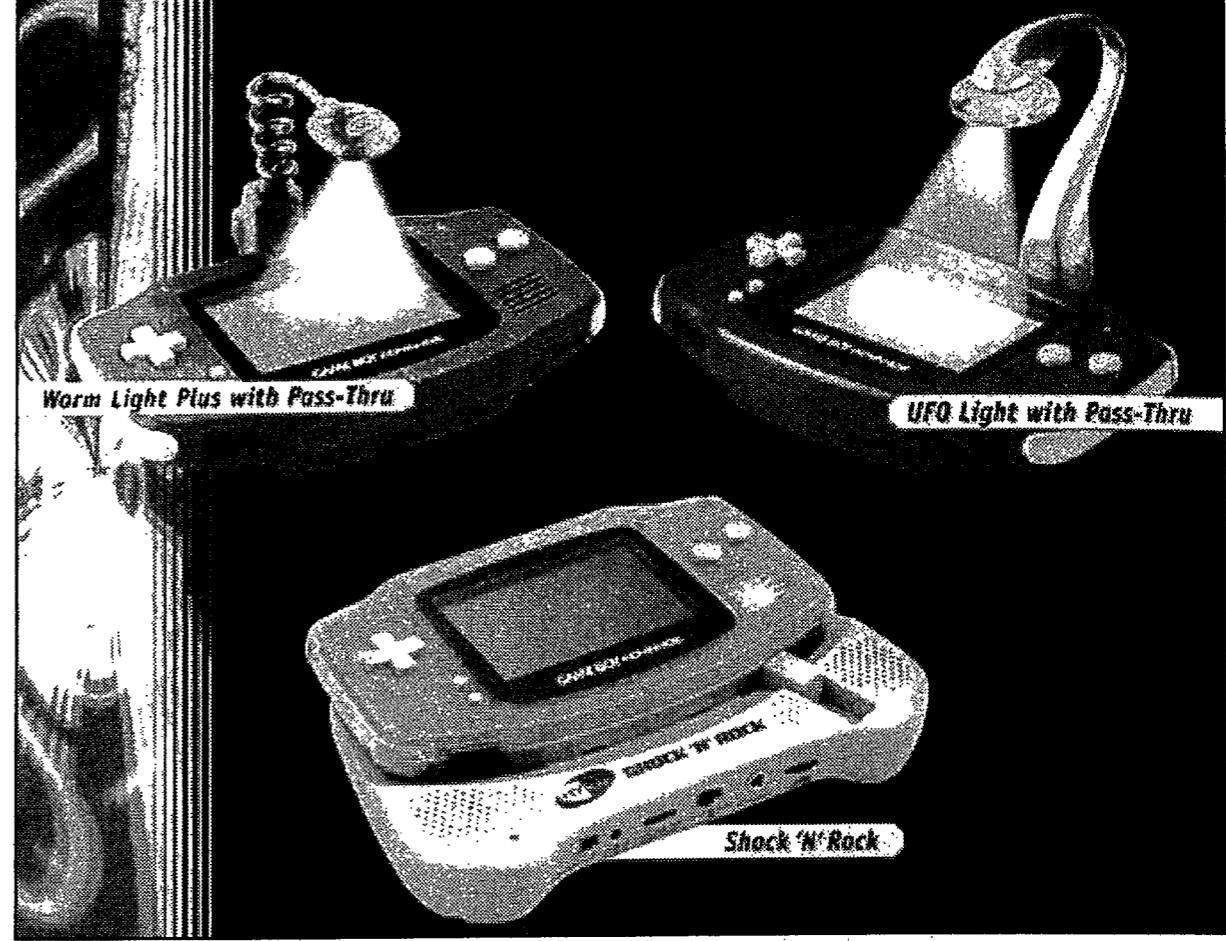
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Enjoy High-Flying Game Fun This Holiday Season

(MS) — Grinding, ollies and 540's may seem like a foreign language, but to teens across the country these words are synonymous with fun, fun, fun.

This holiday season, America's action sports fans can play as their favorite athletes in three new video games — Tony Hawk's Pro Skater™ 3, Shaun Palmer's Pro Snowboarder™ and Mat Hoffman's Pro BMX™. Featuring the most legendary pros in their sports, these games let players pull off hundreds of tricks and stunts as they conquer snow, vert and dirt from the comfort of their living rooms.

The legacy of Tony Hawk's name lives on with Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3.

Players choose to ride with the amazing skill of Hawk, the most recognized skateboarder of all time, or as one of 12 other pro skaters. Featuring eight levels of non-stop skateboarding fun, the game challenges players to perform hundreds of tricks in a variety of realistic, obstacle-filled real-world locations. (Available for the PlayStation® 2 computer entertainment system, Game Boy® Advance and Game Boy Color. The PlayStation 2 version is rated "T" for Teen by the ESRB. The Game Boy Advance and Game Boy Color versions are rated "E" for Everyone by the ESRB.)

Rounding out the lineup is Mat Hoffman's Pro BMX, a cutting edge freestyle BMX biking gaming that lets players ride like the king of BMX, Mat Hoffman, or one of seven top pros. Players can pull off hundreds of freestyle tricks and signature moves in a variety of realistic vert, street and dirt courses. The game features multiple modes of play including single player career mode and head-to-head two-player modes.

Additionally, the game's BMX Course Editor lets players build their own custom courses with ramps, rails, funboxes and more.

(Available for the PlayStation game console. Rated "E" for Everyone by the ESRB.)

Gamers can also go big with six-time X-Games gold

medalist Shaun Palmer and nine other snowboarding legends in Shaun Palmer's Pro

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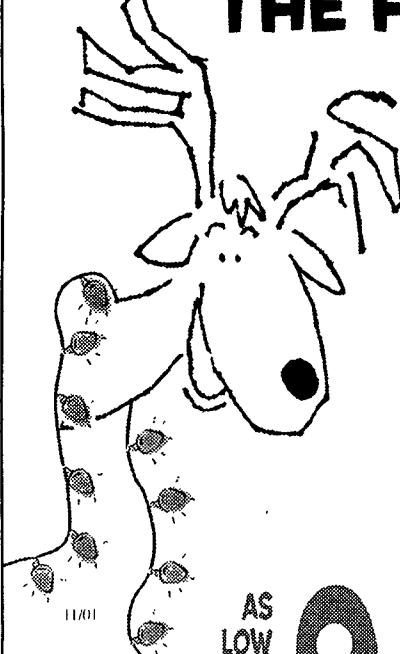
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Give a 'Basket' Full of Holiday Cheer as an inexpensive treat

Time is flying. The holidays are almost here. You grow more and more frustrated with each fruitless trip to the department store. It's the same old story each year. You search high and low, in sprawling malls and small boutiques alike, for the perfect gift for that "impossible" person that tells how much you care without breaking the bank. Finally, you shrug your shoulders and give in. A good gift should cost a pretty penny, right?

The truth is, it often pays in more ways than one to make your own gift. Handmade presents offer the pleasure combination of showing the recipient just how much you care and the joy of creating something yourself. Do you have a "culinary inclined" friend or loved one? This cook's gift basket with bread twists is a fresh, unique gift idea. From Creative Cook's Kitchen, this inexpensive, easy-to-make gift can be adapted for just about anyone: a hostess, a student living on his or her own for the first time, or friends who just moved into a new home.

Cook's Gift Basket

Start gathering the contents of your gift basket

ahead of time. Look for bargains on housewares at department stores and supermarkets.

For the Bread Twists

1/4	grated Parmesan cheese
1/2	teaspoon dried oregano
1/2	teaspoon dried basil
1/8	teaspoon pepper
1	egg white, lightly beaten
1	tablespoon cold water
1	can (11 ounces) refrigerated breadstick dough

For the Basket

1	large basket
1	small wooden cutting board
1	lemon reamer
1	set wooden cooking utensils
1	kitchen timer
2	kitchen towels
1	set measuring spoons
1	large wire whisk
10	blank recipe cards
2	fun-shaped sponges
1	spatula
3	small wooden spoons
2	pots fresh herbs, such as basil and oregano (If fresh herbs are unavailable, include a small jar or two of dried herbs)

Making the Bread Twists

1. Preheat the oven to 350

F. Spray two baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray. Combine Parmesan cheese, oregano, basil and pepper in a small bowl. Mix well and set aside. Beat egg white with cold water; set aside.

2. Unroll breadstick dough; separate along perforation lines.

3. Cut each dough strip in half lengthwise to make two separate strips, each about 1/2 inch thick.

4. Pat half of cheese and herb mixture onto dough strips, pressing firmly to adhere.

5. Twist each strip of dough on baking sheet to form bread twist. Brush twists with egg mixture; sprinkle twists with remaining cheese and herb mixture. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

Assembling the Basket

1. To arrange the basket, place taller utensils, like the cutting board, wire whisk and large wooden utensils in back. Place smaller items, like the timer, sponges and measuring spoons in front.

2. Arrange the bread twists in the basket. Tie small wooden spoons to basket handle with a pretty bow.



Handmade gifts, like this easy gift basket from Creative Cook's Kitchen, never fail to deliver plenty of holiday cheer. You can start gathering the contents ahead of time and make bread twists from store-bought breadstick dough.

Other Sweets For Your Sweet

There are many other gift ideas available that are a sweet idea. Here is a listing of several treats your gift recipient may love.

- Scented candles — many home-decorating stores or bath shops carry an assortment of candles.

- Flowers — When nothing else captures the right "scentsiments" try a beautiful floral arrangement.

- Essential oils — Oils contained in products like skin therapy or massage/relaxation products can calm and rejuvenate.

- Fruit basket — Pass on the fruitcake and offer fresh fruit.



Surprise gift recipients with beautifully wrapped presents that look as though they were designed by a professional gift-wrapper.

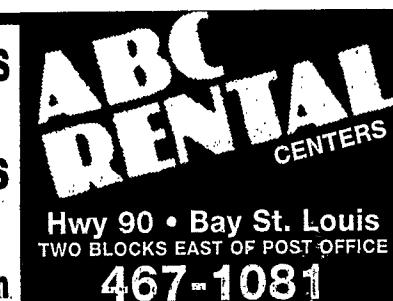
Get Gift-Wrapping Under Wraps quick

Everyone loves to receive an attractive package and by putting a little effort into gift-wrapping you can show off a professional-looking job. Choosing your supplies is the first step to wrapping a present. Here are some strategies, according to Heather Lyman as published on PageWise (www.page-wise.com).

PROFESSIONALLY WRAPPED LOOK

Start with a clean, sturdy box. Carefully measure and cut the length of wrapping paper that you'll need by rolling the box end over end along the roll. Remember to leave at least a two-inch allowance for finishing the cut edge with a fold. Use the sides of the box to get the proper width — the paper should meet the edge of the box.

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Now you can start to wrap it up. Choose double-sided tape to secure the wrapping, it provides a clean look that's only rivaled by the professionals. Gently wrap the gift lengthwise taking care to pre-fold the paper where it wraps around a corner of the box.

Pre-folding gives the illusion that the paper is as rigid as the box that's hidden under it. Use a straight edge or a pencil to give your folds a sharp, clean edge. Many excellent wrappers can improve their presentations by taking the time to pre-fold.

With the gift wrapped smoothly, you can bind and garnish the package. Loose ribbons can easily ruin the wrap. Not only can it look



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Great Gifts for the Gardening Whiz

Gardening is a popular pastime enjoyed by enthusiasts across the country. Whether cultivating a backyard vegetable patch or harvesting prize roses, every gardener could use the right equipment.

This holiday season, select gifts for friends and family members who show off a green thumb by using these suggestions, courtesy of Home & Garden Television.

• Pruning equipment: Pocket snips are easy to carry around and make great stocking stuffers. All-



Focus on hobbies when trying to decide on that ideal gift for the holidays. Many people enjoy gardening, and with tools and equipment available in all shapes and sizes, you're bound to find a gift that fits your budget.

purpose garden shears, on the other hand, can handle everything from topiary to bonsai, and heavy-duty pruners are good for big gardening jobs. Bonus: they're often available in left-handed and right-handed models. Look for tools that offer ergonomic handles for increased comfort, like bypass pruners with a swivel-action handle that cuts down on fatigue.

• Garden tools and accessories: There are a number of tools and accessories to simplify gardening tasks and beautify the garden. Watering wands, for example, have large heads that produce a gentle flow of water for plants. Or select a new stainless steel shovel — and have your favorite gardener's name engraved upon it.

Did You Know?

One of the strongest symbols of the holidays are the brightly colored wrapped gifts that friends and family members give out to loved ones. Perhaps you've travelled near and far to pick out the most ornate and decorative wrapping you could find — some of which can be costly. So when it comes right down to wrapping all of your gifts, you probably don't want to waste unnecessary wrapping paper by making mistakes judging how much you'll need for each package. Here's an easy holiday tip that will take the guesswork out of measuring the paper: To figure out the amount of wrapping paper you will need to cut from a roll, wrap a piece of string around the package you're wrapping, leaving some excess room to accommodate for folding corners, and cut it to length. Then use the string to measure the same amount of paper.

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Metairie natives Linda Daigne, left, and Carol Kreider do their holiday shopping in Bay St. Louis. Here, they check out the Christmas items at Etc. Etc.

Encourage Young Minds

After all the toy, clothing and video game purchases this Christmas, don't forget children also love to read.

As a parent or caregiver you may be inclined to push your child to read what you feel is fine literature, like classic novels, "Moby Dick," "Tom Sawyer," "To Kill a Mockingbird," and more. Yet, anything your child picks up

to read can be a source of education and enlightenment. Even comic books are stimulating his or her young mind to recognize and develop new vocabulary.

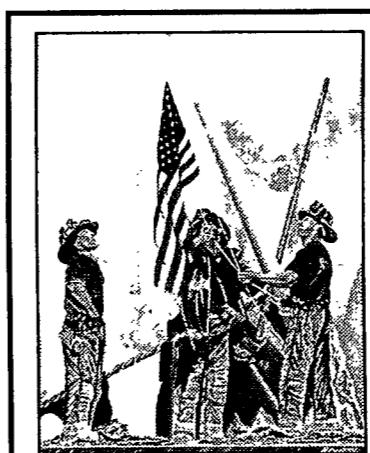
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Holiday Trivia

Many songs that are considered Christmas carols are actually a blend of old hymns, folk songs, medieval plainsongs and songs written for other holidays, as well as true Christmas carols. One of the most widely sung carols, "Jingle Bells," originally was written by James Pierpont for a Thanksgiving program to be given by his Sunday school class at a church in Boston. The song is merely about a free-spirited ride through the countryside, and many writers have concluded that the "jingle bells" refrain actually refers to the bells worn by horses in the era in which the song was written, not to Santa's sleigh.



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Cool Tools Make Practical Presents this Christmas

There are some very stylish yet practical gifts on store shelves this year that match fun with function. Catalogs and the home departments of your favorite retail stores are full of attractive and hardworking items for family members and friends to use in their homes.

For example, the WhirlWind Plus from Eureka looks very cool in translucent blue and it will keep carpeting clean year round.

It is particularly helpful for busy people who need convenience and have household pets. WhirlWind bagless vacuums also have True HEPA sealed filtration to keep all of the pet hair, allergens and odors inside of the vacuum.

Eureka's Boss Smart Vac (in green or silver) would be a good family item to have around if the kids are decorating the tree or if a family member has allergies. It deep cleans, resists clogs, won't tip over, is easy to maintain and retains 100 percent of dust mites, grass and ragweed pollen with sealed True HEPA filtration.

Retirees may enjoy a clean home but find their vacuum is getting heavier to use. A lightweight vacuum like the WhirlWind Lite model 410 weighs in at less than 12 pounds. It has great suction, a complete set of on-board tools, never needs filter bags and the handle folds down for compact storage.

College students will appreciate and use a vacuum that doesn't need filter bags and is easy to spot. The bright yellow BOSS SuperLite model 402 is easy



Cool cleaning tools make great gifts wherever there are kids, pets and carpeting.

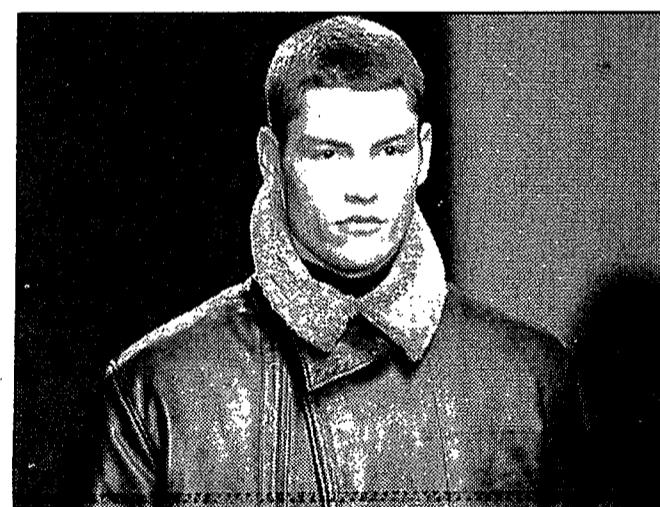
to see, bagless and has a brush roll that turns off and on for carpets and bare floors.

The brand-new Sangria Red WhirlWind Ultra bagless upright might be just right for the man at your house who likes power tools.

The high-performance model 4885 has a new twin cham-

ber with top filtration, powerful cleaning performance and all of the features he could hope to find on an indoor machine. It will satisfy his craving for power tools and match his Santa hat.

Gift-givers and recipients have to clean up during the holidays anyway — cool tools can make it more fun.



Wrapped and Ready for Winter

What better way is there to wrap up this year's holiday shopping than with the latest in men's outerwear. As the holiday approaches, so do brisk winter days and cold nights. Leather jackets like those shown here with cold-weather ready details like high collars, furry trim and wind-blocking welt pockets will ensure that men can face the coming winter in style. Jackets courtesy of the Nautica Fall/Winter 2001 collection. Photography by Troyan Flowers.



STUCK FOR A GIFT? EVERYBODY LOVES JEWELRY. Greg and Nancy Strickland of Bayou Jewelers at McLaurin Plaza at Waveland offer jewelry and gift items for both men and women.

Tips When Shopping for Teens

The holidays will soon be upon us and that means braving the stores to select gifts for friends and family members. Possibly one of the hardest groups to shop for is teen-agers. It's tough to know what your teen would like. Here's some advice on which items are probably safe to add to your shopping cart when shopping for a

teen-ager.

- Subscription to your teen's favorite magazine
- Crafty items like ceramics to paint or car model kits
- Posters of the latest musical acts
- Treatment at a spa, i.e. a makeover or a skin-care lesson
- CD-ROM games for the computer or video system
- Gift certificate to a favorite clothing or music store
- Bottle of a favorite fragrance
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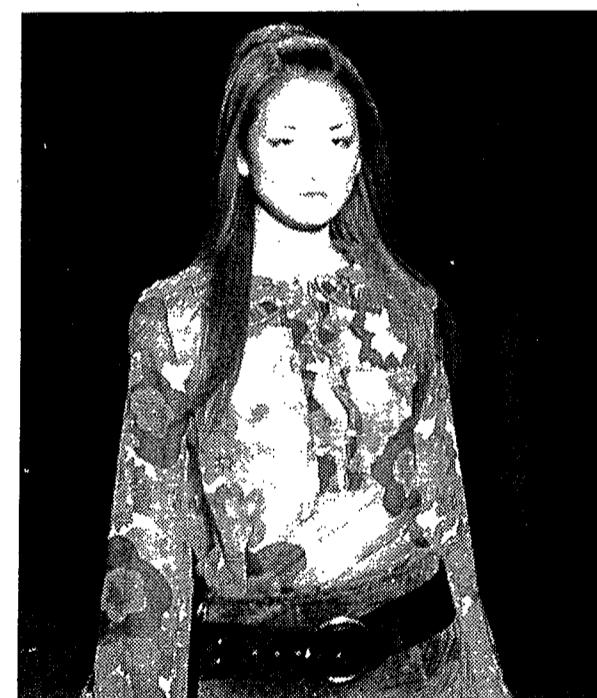
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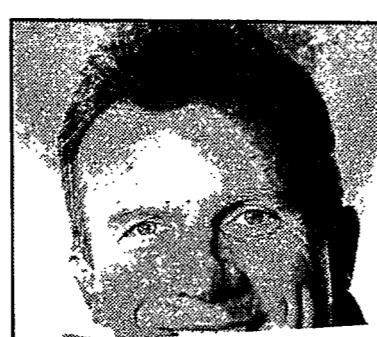
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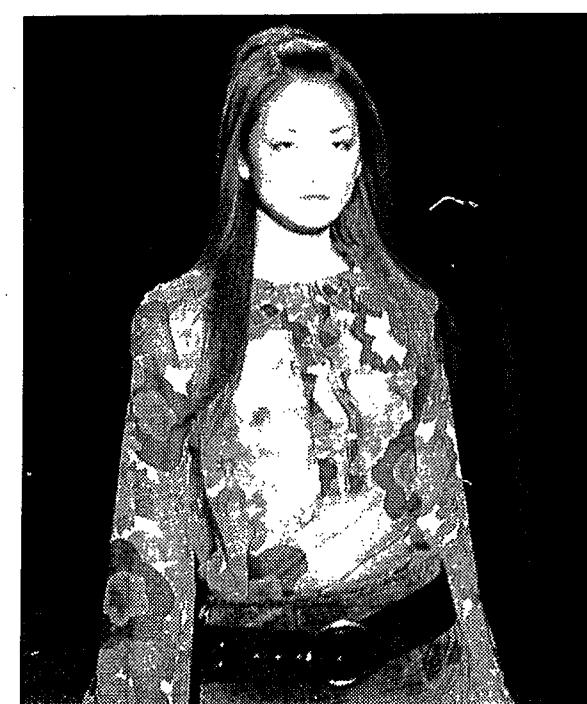
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People should remember to consider the special needs of the family pet when going down the checklist and loading the car with presents, luggage and family members.

Whether taking your pet on vacation or boarding it, pack so that your pet may maintain its home environment.

"To avoid undue stress on your pet when traveling, keep the animal's environment close to that of home, and you both will have a better trip," said Dr. Thomas Lendaruzzi, assistant clinical veterinarian at Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Lendaruzzi suggested several things pet owners can do before any vacation to prepare for pets. First, take your pet to the veterinarian and get a health certificate.

This will assure airlines and hotel personnel that your pet is safe to travel and accommodate and will satisfy regulatory requirements for interstate or international movement of the pet.

"A health certificate is very important when traveling," Lendaruzzi said. "Most airlines and many hotels require the health certificate."

Also, if your pet has an emergency medical problem, a copy of the pet's medical records will inform the attending veterinarian of vaccination and medical records.

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If traveling by car, take a trial run first. On a short drive, pet owners will know



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"Cats have a tendency to become nervous while in cars," Lendaruzzi said. "The safest way for a nervous pet may be using a pet carrier or medication to calm the pet. If your pet is not a good traveler, the best option may be to leave the pet in boarding or with a sitter."

Vacationers need to find hotels that accommodate pets and a vacation spot that is safe for pets.

When traveling, make sure that a pet's nutritional, environmental and maintenance needs are met. Animals need to maintain a steady diet to prevent accidents while away.

Take an ample supply of the pet's regular food, treats and water from home. Bringing water is suggested because just like humans, pets may suffer from intestinal problems if their diet changes drastically overnight.

If water supplies run low, mix the water from home with the "new" water to help pets adapt.

A pet's environmental needs are more difficult to identify. Lendaruzzi recommended keeping pets' meal, exercise and sleep schedules as close as possible to normal. Vacationers also should bring their pet's favorite toys and special sleeping blankets or pillows.

Finally, make sure the pet's maintenance needs are met. When on the road, stop every two hours for a short break and every four hours

to let your pet stretch and run.

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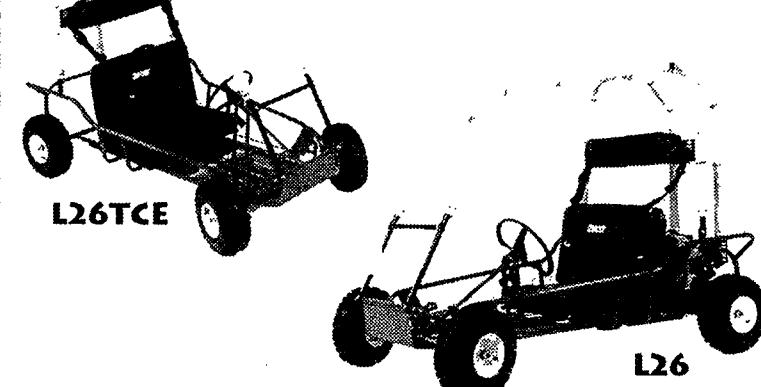
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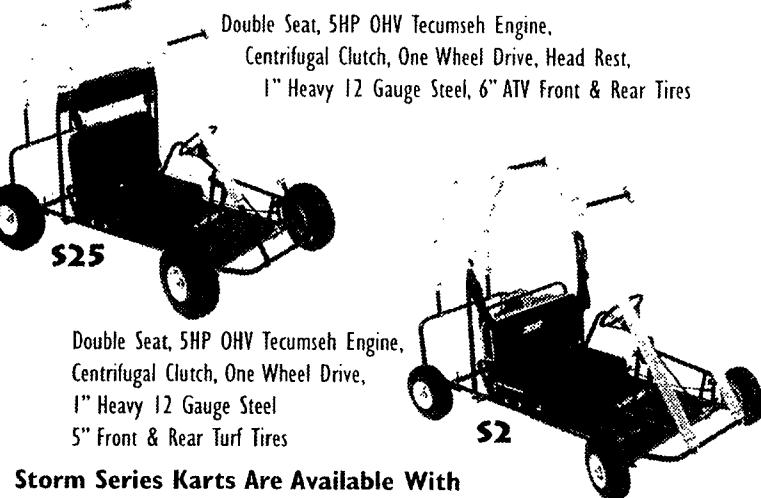
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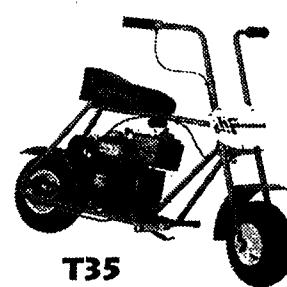
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Storm Series Karts Are Available With Single & Double Seats

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